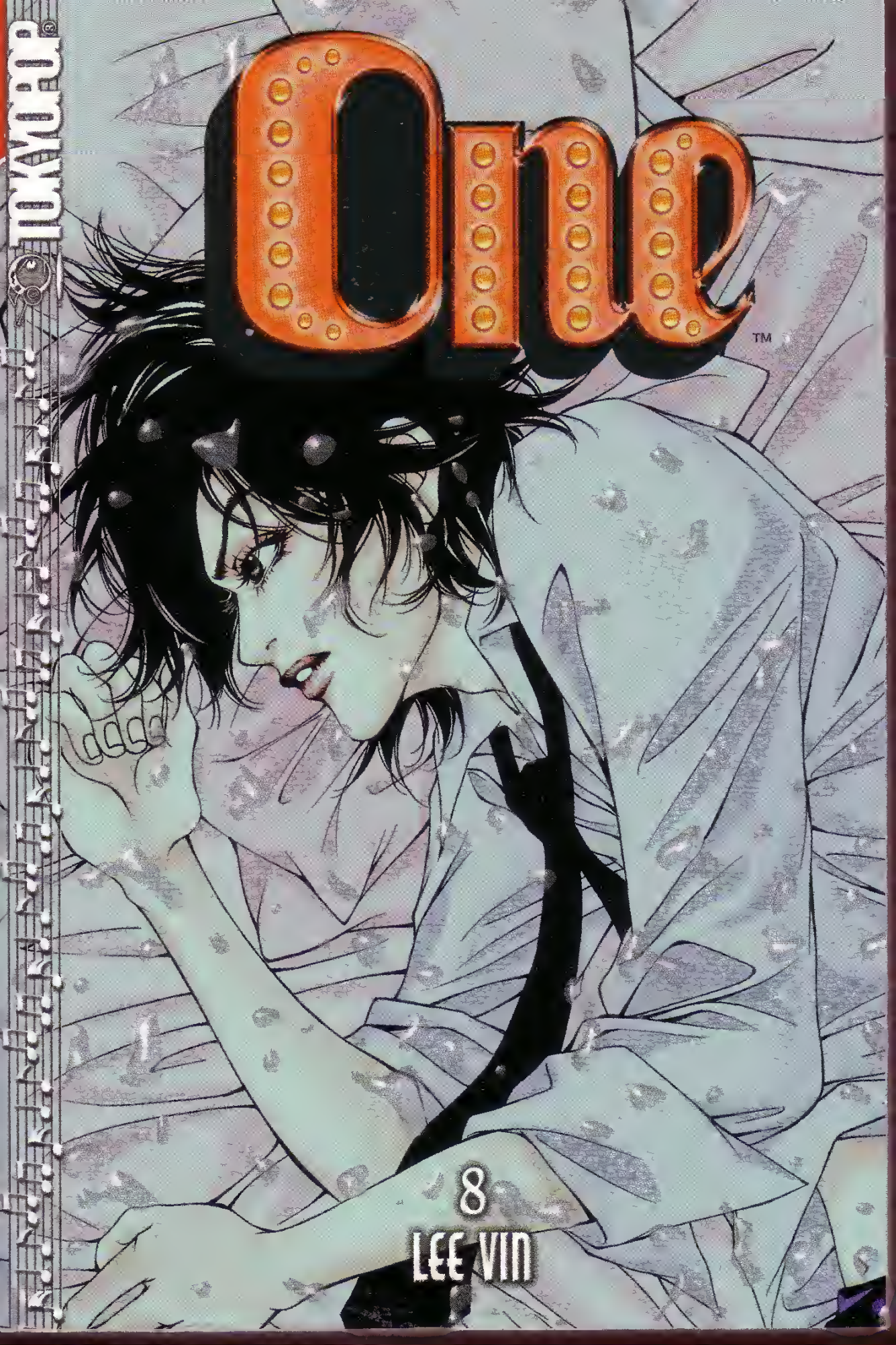
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BEHIND THE MUSIC

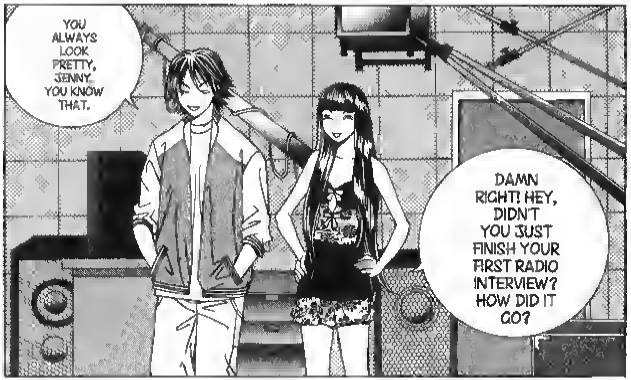
Sanya wants nothing more than to get even with Jenny! She schemes to snap a tasteless picture of Eumpa and Jenny, and then sells it to a gossip tabloid. Now Jenny's public image is suffering: Everyone thinks she's a flirt, heartless and cold, and all her fans are turning to Sonya. Will the truth come out in time to save Jenny's career?

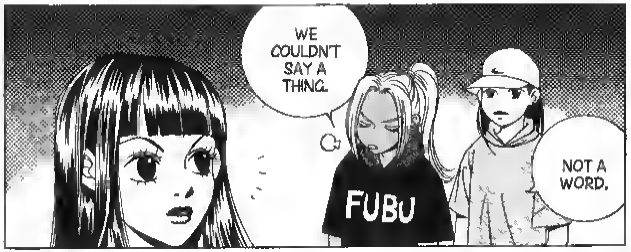
SECTION 46
ANTI T.N.T.

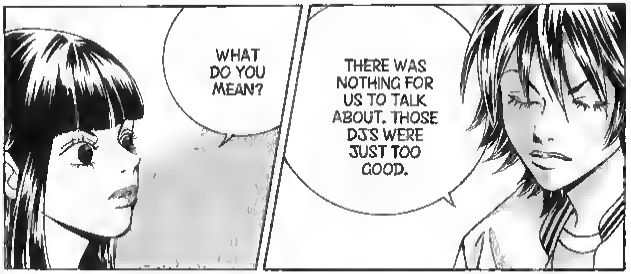
GREAT JOB, MISS JENNY. YOU CAN TAKE FIVE. I WANT TO WORK WITH THE BACKGROUND DANCERS FOR A FEW MINUTES.

HEY, EUMPA. WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?
JUST NOW.

HOW DO YOU LIKE MY HAIR? DIFFERENT, RIGHT? THIS WAS MY HAIRSTYLE WHEN I FIRST STARTED. WHAT DO YOU THINK? TOO RETRO?


YOU ALWAYS LOOK PRETTY, JENNY. YOU KNOW THAT.
DAMN RIGHT! HEY, DIDN'T YOU JUST FINISH YOUR FIRST RADIO INTERVIEW? HOW DID IT GO?


WE COULDN'T SAY A THING.
FUBU
NOT A WORD.


WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THERE WAS NOTHING FOR US TO TALK ABOUT. THOSE DJS WERE JUST TOO GOOD.

D.J.S? OH, YOU MEAN T.B.C.?
THEY'RE THE TALK OF THE INDUSTRY THESE DAYS. I SAW THEM HOSTING *HOT JAMZ* THE OTHER DAY. THEY WERE REALLY GOOD.
THEY'RE BEYOND GOOD. I WAS SPEECHLESS THE WHOLE TIME. WE COULDN'T OPEN OUR MOUTHS WITHOUT SOUNDING STUPID.
ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT T.B.C.?
HEEWON, SHOULDN'T YOU BE REHEARSING?
UBJ

I'VE SEEN T.B.C. A FEW TIMES ON THE TELLY. THEY'RE VERY PROFESSIONAL.
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT. BEFORE RELEASING AN ALBUM, THEY'RE BUILDING UP THEIR NATIONAL EXPOSURE BY HOSTING MUSIC AND RADIO SHOWS.
BUT WHO CARES IF THEY'RE GOOD D.J.S? THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE PROFESSIONAL SINGERS. WHERE'S THEIR DEBUT ALBUM? HAVE THEY EVEN RECORDED ANYTHING?
IT'S NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE!
ACTUALLY, IT'S A VERY COMMON PRACTICE IN JAPAN. AGENCIES GET THEIR NEW TALENT TO GUEST STAR ON TV, OR HOST RADIO SHOWS OR EMCEE VARIETY SHOWS. THEY TRY TO GET THEIR NAME INTO THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA TO CULTIVATE FAMILIARITY.

WHEN PUBLIC INTEREST PEAKS, THEY RELEASE THEIR DEBUT ALBUM. MAKES SENSE.
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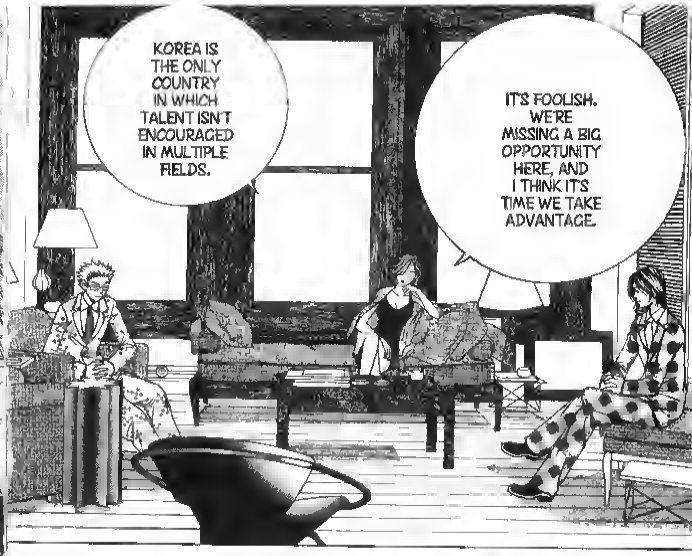
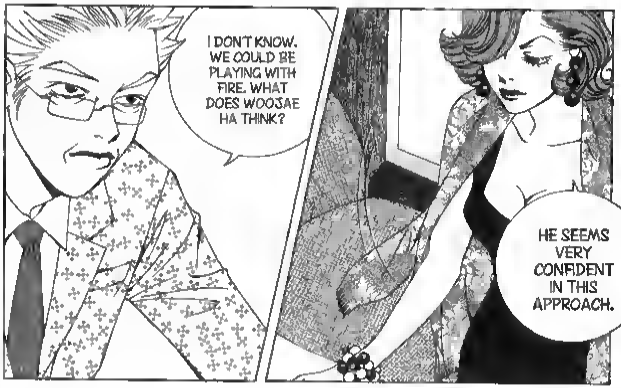
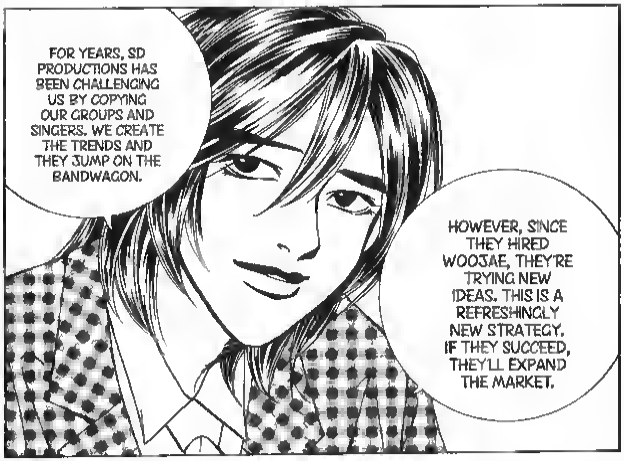
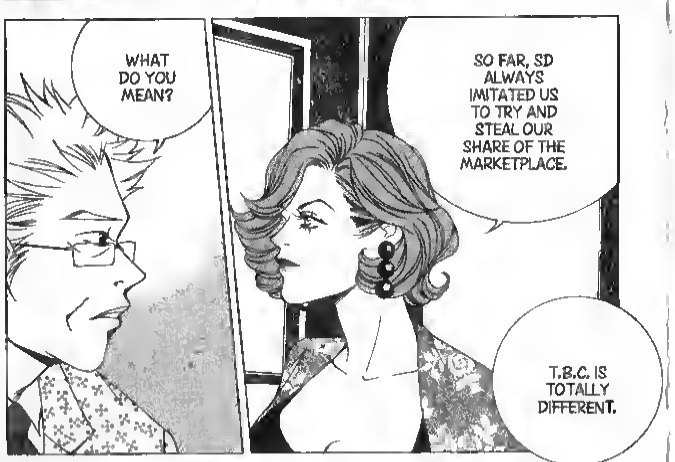
THEY PRODUCE A LOT OF SUCCESSFUL ARTISTS THAT WAY.
IT'S A COMMON PRACTICE FOR TALENTS TO BOTH ACT AND SING ALL OVER THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY IN HOLLYWOOD.
THEY NORMALLY BECOME SUCCESSFUL AS BOTH ACTORS AND SINGERS. A DOUBLE THREAT -- AND A DOUBLE MONEY-MAKER. THEY BECOME PROFESSIONALS IN EVERY FIELD.


KOREA IS THE ONLY COUNTRY IN WHICH TALENT ISN'T ENCOURAGED IN MULTIPLE FIELDS.
IT'S FOOLISH. WE'RE MISSING A BIG OPPORTUNITY HERE, AND I THINK IT'S TIME WE TAKE ADVANTAGE.

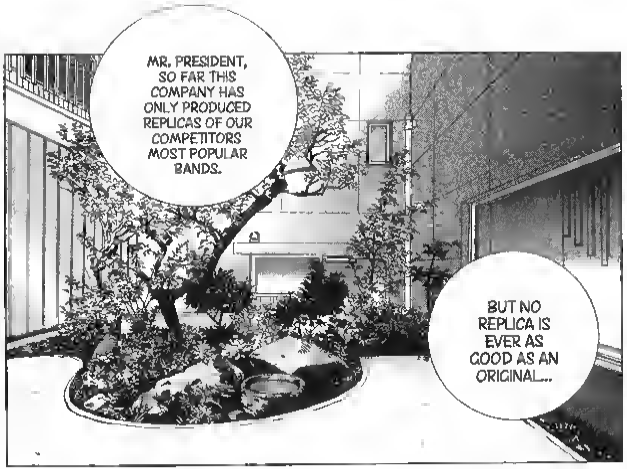

I DON'T KNOW. WE COULD BE PLAYING WITH FIRE. WHAT DOES WOOJAE HA THINK?
HE SEEMS VERY CONFIDENT IN THIS APPROACH.


FOR YEARS, SD PRODUCTIONS HAS BEEN CHALLENGING US BY COPYING OUR GROUPS AND SINGERS. WE CREATE THE TRENDS AND THEY JUMP ON THE BANDWAGON.
HOWEVER, SINCE THEY HIRED WOOJAE, THEY'RE TRYING NEW IDEAS. THIS IS A REFRESHINGLY NEW STRATEGY. IF THEY SUCCEED, THEY'LL EXPAND THE MARKET.


WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SO FAR, SD ALWAYS IMITATED US TO TRY AND STEAL OUR SHARE OF THE MARKETPLACE.
T.B.C. IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT.

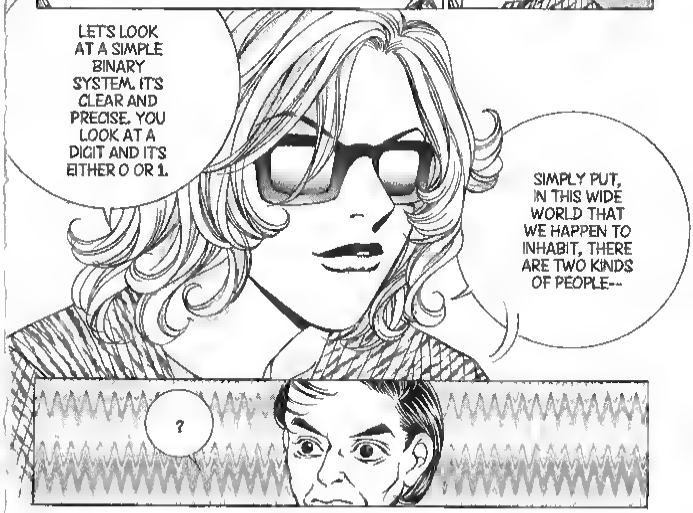
AT FIRST, THEY MAY LOOK LIKE T.N.T.
BUT THEIR STYLE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.

MY POINT EXACTLY!


MR. PRESIDENT, SO FAR THIS COMPANY HAS ONLY PRODUCED REPLICAS OF OUR COMPETITORS MOST POPULAR BANDS.
BUT NO REPLICA IS EVER AS GOOD AS AN ORIGINAL...

WAIT A MINUTE. WE MAY "BORROW" POPULAR STYLES AND TRENDS, BUT WE CREATE BETTER MUSIC WITH BETTER SINGERS AND...
MR. PRESIDENT, LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION...
WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE? AN ORIGINAL VAN GOGH PAINTING...

...OR A COPY?
ALL RIGHT, YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT. BUT IT'S FAR MORE RISKY TO TRY SOMETHING NEW.
WITH GREATER RISK COMES GREATER REWARD.


LET'S LOOK AT A SIMPLE BINARY SYSTEM. IT'S CLEAR AND PRECISE. YOU LOOK AT A DIGIT AND IT'S EITHER 0 OR 1.
SIMPLY PUT, IN THIS WIDE WORLD THAT WE HAPPEN TO INHABIT, THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE--
?

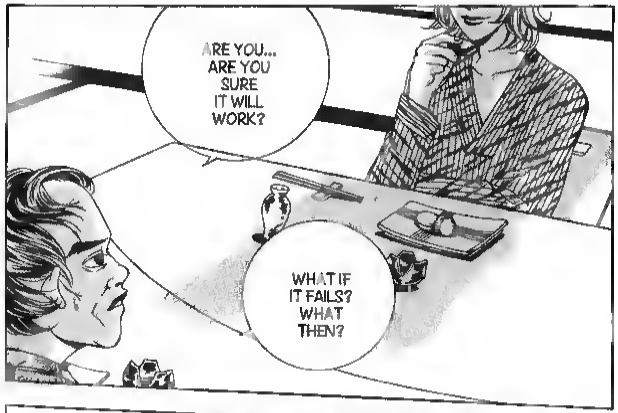
PEOPLE WHO LIKE POP MUSIC, AND THOSE WHO DON'T.
PEOPLE WHO LIKE MADONNA, AND THOSE WHO DON'T.

?
...?

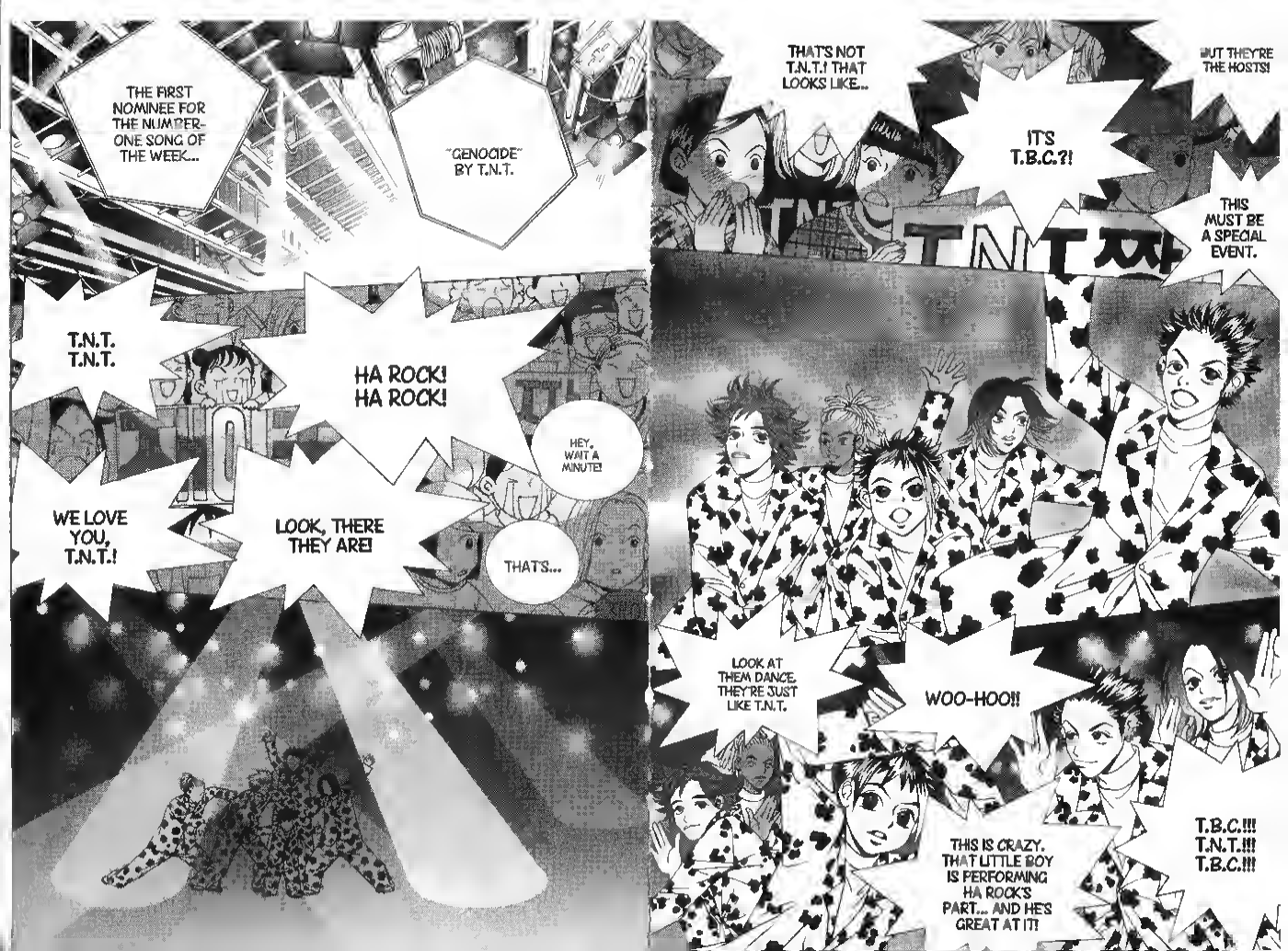
AND PEOPLE WHO LIKE T.N.T....
AND THOSE WHO DON'T.

I CAN SUBDIVIDE IT FURTHER IF YOU LIKE. IN THE CATEGORY OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE POP MUSIC, THERE ARE THOSE WHO DON'T CARE ABOUT BANDS LIKE T.N.T. AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF THEM!

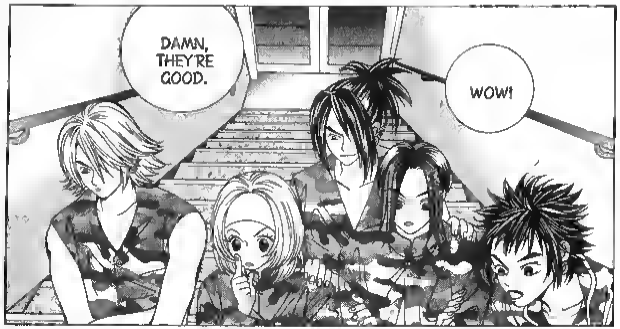
BUT IF YOU LOOK AT SOMEONE LIKE MADONNA, WHO HASN'T HEARD OF HER?
SHE'S AN ICON, APPEARING EVERYWHERE, IN MOVIES, MAGAZINES, AND TELEVISION. AND SHE DIDN'T DO IT COPYING SOMEONE ELSE'S TRENDS -- SHE SET THEM...


ARE YOU... ARE YOU SURE IT WILL WORK?
WHAT IF IT FAILS? WHAT THEN?

THE MARKET HAS BEEN DOMINATED BY RATHER... UNIMAGINATIVE PEOPLE, LIKE YOU.
BECAUSE EVERYONE WANTS TO OWN SOMETHING LIKE T.N.T., EVERYONE KEEPS PRODUCING T.N.T. LOOK- AND SOUND-ALIKES. WE NEED TO BREAK AWAY FROM THE PACK.


THE FIRST NOMINEE FOR THE NUMBER-ONE SONG OF THE WEEK...
"GENOCIDE" BY T.N.T.
T.N.T. T.N.T.
HA ROCK! HA ROCK!
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE!
THAT'S...
WE LOVE YOU, T.N.T.!
LOOK, THERE THEY ARE!
THAT'S NOT T.N.T.! THAT LOOKS LIKE...
IT'S T.B.C.?!
BUT THEY'RE THE HOSTS!
THIS MUST BE A SPECIAL EVENT.
LOOK AT THEM DANCE. THEY'RE JUST LIKE T.N.T.
WOO-HOO!!
THIS IS CRAZY. THAT LITTLE BOY IS PERFORMING HA ROCK'S PART... AND HE'S GREAT AT IT!
T.B.C.!!! T.N.T.!!! T.B.C.!!!

BESIDES...
T.B.C. MAY END UP STEALING T.N.T.'S FANS.
T.B.C.!! T.B.C.!!
T AND T!! T.N.T AND T.B.C.
T.B.C.!! T.N.T.!! T.B.C.!! T.N.T.!!

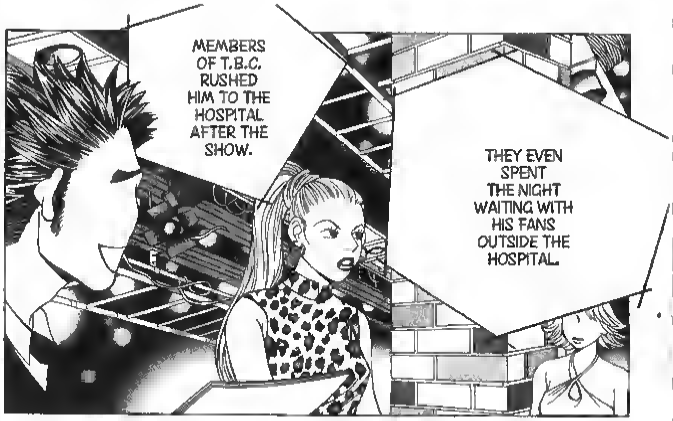

DAMN, THEY'RE GOOD.
WOW!

IT'S TIME FOR US TO STEP ASIDE..
...AND INTRODUCE THE REAL BAND -- T.N.T.!

THAT WAS A NICE INTRO..
...NOW LET'S SHOW THEM HOW IT'S REALLY DONE!
CHILL, ROCK. YOU DON'T NEED TO OVERDO IT.

LET'S DO IT!
SECTION 47
BAD LUCK AFTER BAD LUCK?

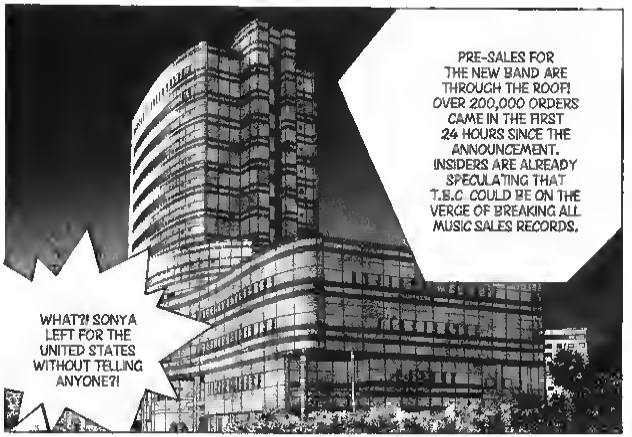
GOOD EVENING, THIS IS ENTERTAINMENT REPORT.
SOME BAD NEWS TONIGHT FOR T.N.T.
DURING A RECENT PERFORMANCE, HA ROCK SLIPPED AS HE JUMPED FROM THE STAGE, BREAKING HIS LEG.
ACCORDING TO DOCTORS, THE INJURY WILL TAKE TWO MONTHS TO HEAL.
OF COURSE, THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME HA ROCK HAS INJURED HIMSELF ON STAGE. THE SINGER IS KNOWN FOR HIS DAREDEVIL ANTICS BOTH ON AND OFF THE STAGE.
WE LUV YOU, ROCK!
GET BETTER SOON!
WILL HE BE OKAY?!
POOR HA ROCK!
HA ROCK ROCKS!
SO FAR, HIS FANS HAVE GATHERED IN FRONT OF THE HOSPITAL, REFUSING TO LEAVE.


MEMBERS OF T.B.C. RUSHED HIM TO THE HOSPITAL AFTER THE SHOW.
THEY EVEN SPENT THE NIGHT WAITING WITH HIS FANS OUTSIDE THE HOSPITAL.

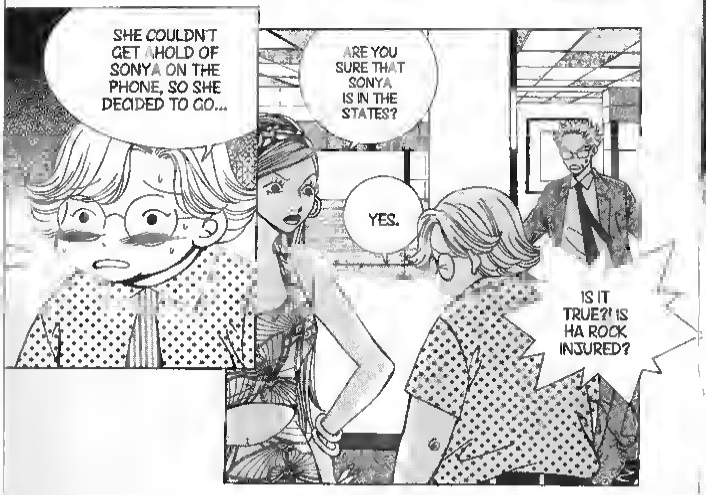
WE COULDN'T GO HOME WITHOUT WORRYING HOW HE IS, SO WE DECIDED TO STAY AND SHOW OUR SUPPORT.
WE LOVE T.N.T. JUST AS MUCH AS THEIR FANS.
BESIDES, HE WAS INJURED ON OUR SHOW. IT MAKES US FEEL RESPONSIBLE.
POOR GUY.
WE'RE WAITING HERE UNTIL WE'RE ALLOWED TO SEE HIM.
POOR HA ROCK.
COULD YOU ASK HOW HE'S FEELING WHEN YOU DO?

T.N.T. IS GOING ON HIATUS UNTIL HA ROCK RECOVERS.
CONTINUING OUR COVERAGE, WE NOW SHIFT OUR FOCUS TO T.B.C.

THIS BAND SEEMS TO BE EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK.
ONLY YESTERDAY WAS IT ANNOUNCED THAT THEY'RE FINALLY RELEASING THEIR DEBUT ALBUM.


PRE-SALES FOR THE NEW BAND ARE THROUGH THE ROOF! OVER 200,000 ORDERS CAME IN THE FIRST 24 HOURS SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT. INSIDERS ARE ALREADY SPECULATING THAT T.B.C. COULD BE ON THE VERGE OF BREAKING ALL MUSIC SALES RECORDS.
WHAT?! SONYA LEFT FOR THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT TELLING ANYONE?!

DID HER MANAGER KNOW ABOUT THIS? WHERE IS SHE? GET JEONGSOOK LEE ON THE PHONE--NOW!
JEONGSOOK IS THE ONE WHO TOLD ME. SHE'S ALSO ON HER WAY TO THE STATES TO TALK TO SONYA'S FAMILY.


SHE COULDN'T GET AHOLD OF SONYA ON THE PHONE, SO SHE DECIDED TO GO...
ARE YOU SURE THAT SONYA IS IN THE STATES?
YES.
IS IT TRUE?! IS HA ROK INJURED?

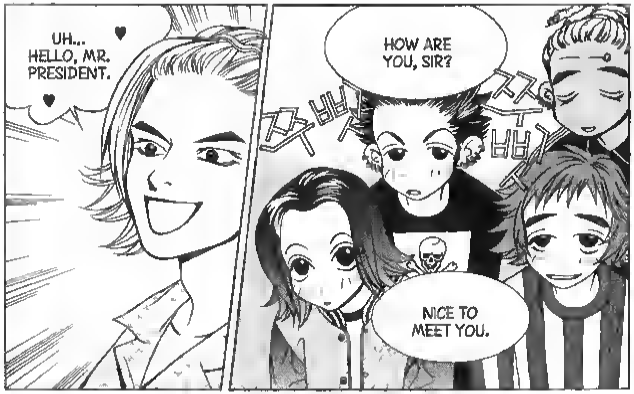
WHAT HAPPENED? WAS HE STAGE-DIVING AGAIN?
HOW LONG TILL HE'S BACK ON HIS FEET?
EIGHT WEEKS.
DAMN IT!
WHERE'S T.N.T.'S MANAGER?
HE'S AT THE HOSPITAL.

GET THE CAR READY. I'M GOING TO THE HOSPITAL.
YES, SIR.
I HAD A FEELING SOMETHING BAD WAS GOING TO HAPPEN.
C'MON, C'MON. LET'S GO.

I HOPE THERE WILL BE NO MORE BAD NEWS...

EXCUSE ME. LET ME THROUGH.
MISS, ARE YOU FROM I.S. PRODUCTIONS?
DO YOU KNOW HOW HA ROCK IS DOING?

HA ROCK! WHAT HAPPENED?!
HUH?


UH... HELLO, MR. PRESIDENT.
HOW ARE YOU, SIR?
NICE TO MEET YOU.

MR. PRESIDENT, THAT'S T.B.C.
THEM?

WE'RE VERY SORRY. IT'S ALL OUR FAULT.
THEY'RE SO CUTE! ♪
NO, IT'S NOT. YOU SHOULDN'T FEEL BAD. I KNOW WHOSE FAULT IT IS.

HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU-- DON'T DIVE FROM THE STAGE!
OW! HEY, I'M INJURED.

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO T.N.T.?
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CANCEL SHOWS.
MIGHT AS WELL. AT LEAST EVERYONE CAN FINALLY TAKE A BREAK.
YEAH, GREAT.

WHY DOESN'T EVERYONE GO HOME SO HA ROCK CAN GET SOME REST?
HEY! IT'S NOT LIKE I DID IT ON PURPOSE!
YEAH, QUIT WASTING YOUR TIME ON THIS STUPID MORON.

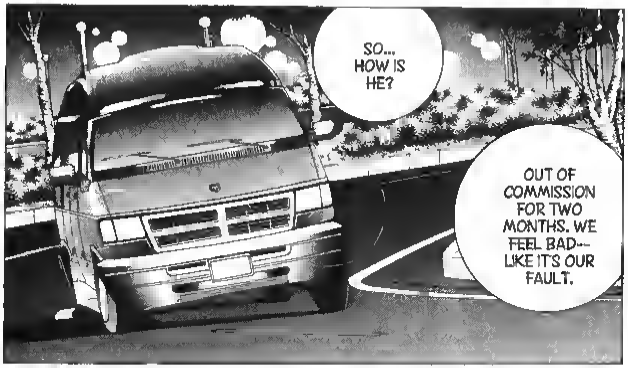
THE CROWD WAS GOING WILD FOR T.B.C. I JUST WANTED TO SHOW THEM WE WERE BETTER.
I WAS DOING IT FOR THE FANS, SO DON'T BE SO HARD ON ME.
PAM PAM PA
PAM PAM
PAM PA
The ring tone plays TNT's hit song
HELLO? EUMPA? WHERE ARE YOU, MAN? EVERYONE'S BEEN HERE TO SEE ME BUT YOU.
YOU BETTER GET YOUR BUTT OVER HERE -- NOW!
WHAT A PUNK.
YOU BETTER NOT COME EMPTY-HANDED EITHER OR I'LL KICK YOUR ASS. HMM? YEAH, CHEESECAKE SOUNDS GOOD.

GOODBYE!
THE SHOW-OFF IS GETTING SOME REST. YOU SHOULD DO THE SAME.

HAA
HAW
HUH? WOOJAE!
HEY, CAN WE GET A RIDE?

GET IN. YOU MUST BE TIRED.

HEY, ANGIE'S WITH YOU.
SHOULDN'T YOU BE IN THE RECORDING STUDIO?
WE JUST FINISHED.
WHERE'S THE KID?
I SENT HIM HOME.


SO... HOW IS HE?
OUT OF COMMISSION FOR TWO MONTHS. WE FEEL BAD--LIKE IT'S OUR FAULT.

THAT'S TOO BAD.
YEAH, POOR GUY.

HA! WOOJAE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT HA ROCK. HE'S GLAD HE'S OUT OF THE PICTURE.
SHUT UP!

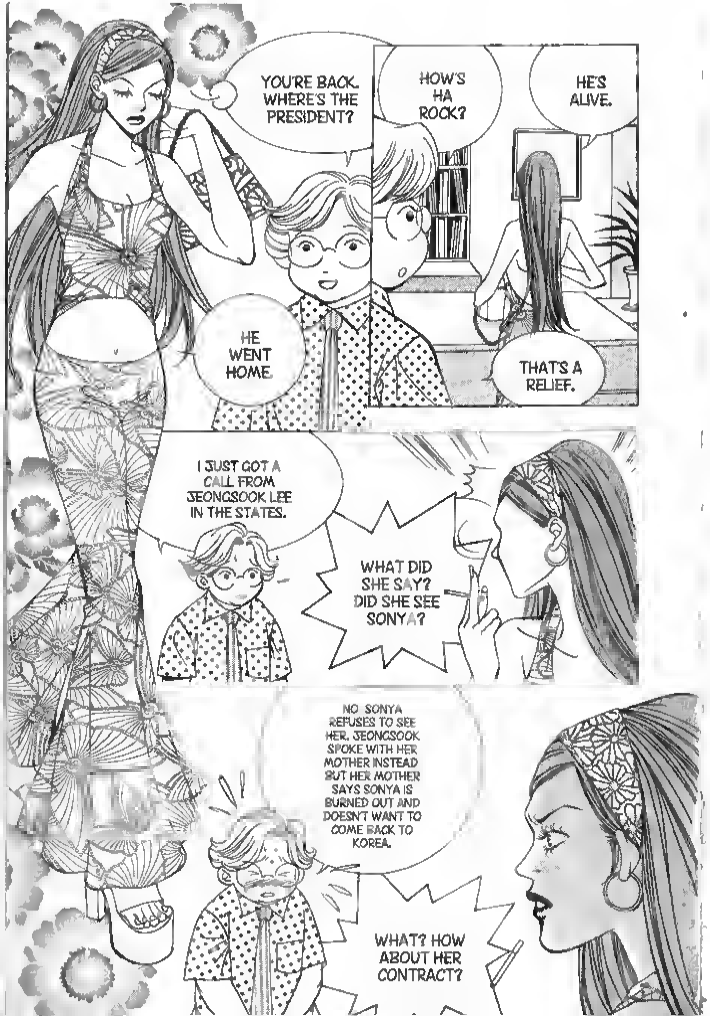
I TOLD YOU TO WATCH YOUR MOUTH.
ANGIES ALWAYS GETTING YELLED AT FOR SAYING TOO MUCH
BLEAH!
HEE HEE!

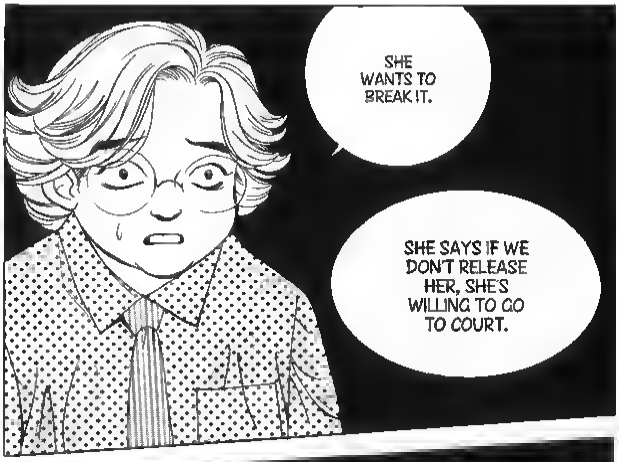
HUH?
WHAT'S UP?
WHAT DID YOU SEE?

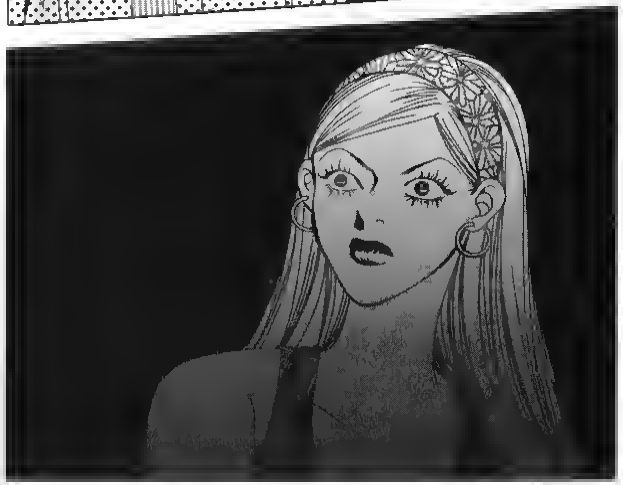
SOMEONE I LOVE.
REALLY?
WHO IS IT? WHO IS IT?

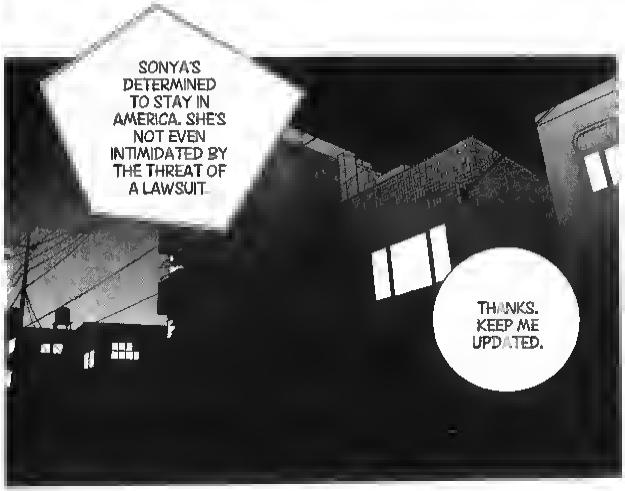
WITH T.N.T. OUT OF THE WAY, I GUESS IT'S MY TURN.
NOT YET. WE WAIT AND SEE HOW T.B.C.'S ALBUM DOES.
I'M SURE IT'LL BE HUGE.
AND THEN I'M GUNNING FOR JENNY YOU!!

WHAT IF HE'S MAD BECAUSE WE DIDN'T GET HIM CHEESECAKE?
WE COULDN'T HELP IT. ALL THE BAKERIES WERE CLOSED.
IS HE GONNA LIKE DONUTS INSTEAD?


YOU'RE BACK. WHERE'S THE PRESIDENT?
HOW'S HA ROCK?
HE'S ALIVE.
HE WENT HOME.
THAT'S A RELIEF.
I JUST GOT A CALL FROM JEONGSOOK LEE IN THE STATES.
WHAT DID SHE SAY? DID SHE SEE SONYA?
NO. SONYA REFUSES TO SEE HER. JEONGSOOK SPOKE WITH HER MOTHER INSTEAD BUT HER MOTHER SAYS SONYA IS BURNED OUT AND DOESN'T WANT TO COME BACK TO KOREA.
WHAT? HOW ABOUT HER CONTRACT?

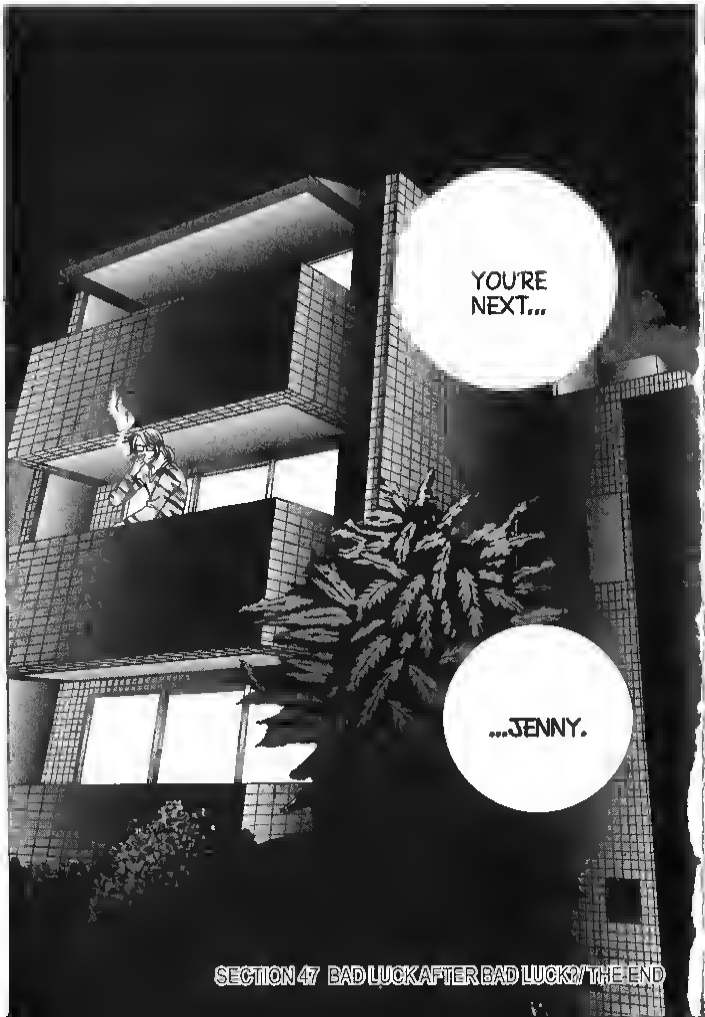

SHE WANTS TO BREAK IT.
SHE SAYS IF WE DON'T RELEASE HER, SHE'S WILLING TO GO TO COURT.



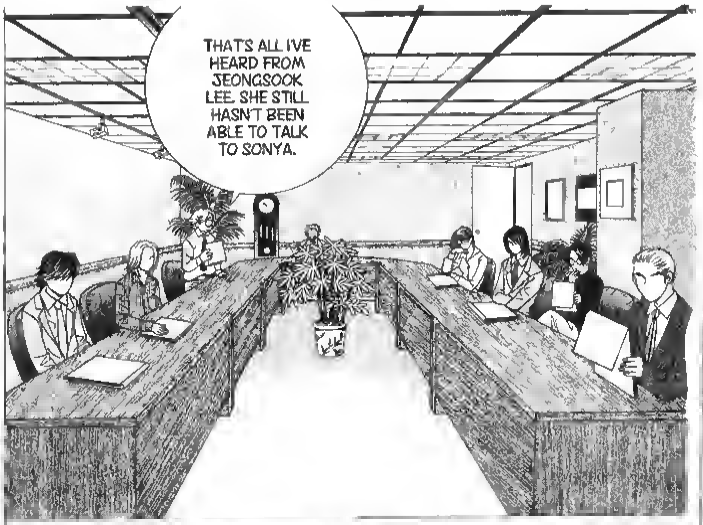

SONYA'S DETERMINED TO STAY IN AMERICA. SHE'S NOT EVEN INTIMIDATED BY THE THREAT OF A LAWSUIT.
THANKS. KEEP ME UPDATED.

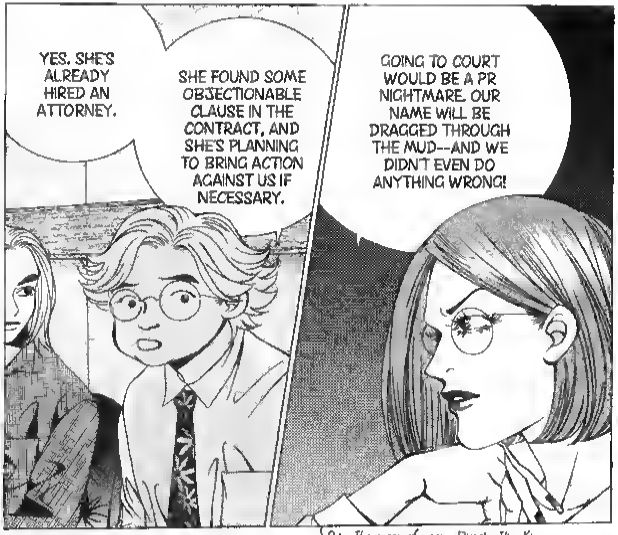
FIRST T.N.T., AND NOW D.E.Z.
THEY'RE DIGGING THEIR OWN GRAVE.

HA HA HA...
HEE HEE HEE...
HA HA HA...
BWA HA HA HA!
HA HA HA!



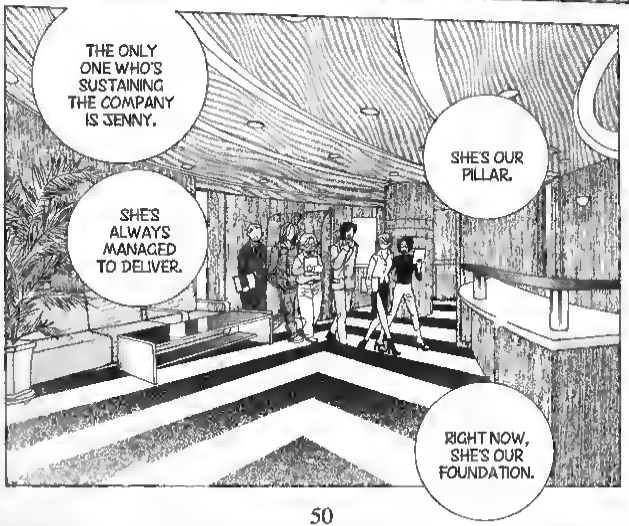
SECTION 48
YOU ARE NEXT, JENNY!!




YES. SHE'S ALREADY HIRED AN ATTORNEY.
SHE FOUND SOME OBJECTIONABLE CLAUSE IN THE CONTRACT, AND SHE'S PLANNING TO BRING ACTION AGAINST US IF NECESSARY.
GOING TO COURT WOULD BE A PR NIGHTMARE. OUR NAME WILL BE DRAGGED THROUGH THE MUD--AND WE DIDN'T EVEN DO ANYTHING WRONG!

The queen of mean-- Director Ilm Kim

THE TIMING COULDN'T BE WORSE...
THEY JUST RELEASED THEIR NEW ALBUM A MONTH AGO AND NOW THEY CAN'T TOUR TO PROMOTE IT FOR TWO MORE MONTHS.
FURTHERMORE, THEY'RE THE NUMBER-ONE DRAW OF OUR COMPANY...
UGH...!
WHAT ABOUT THE BAND PROFILE?
WE GAVE THEM A BREAK, REMEMBER? THEY'RE ON VACATION.
VACATION...
IT'S NOT PLAUSIBLE TO BRING THEM BACK AT THIS POINT.
WE GAVE THEM A BREAK SO THAT THEY COULD PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR THE S.A.T.S. WE HAVE TO REMEMBER, THEY STILL NEED AN EDUCATION.
HOW ABOUT ONE? DO THEY HAVE A CHANCE OF WINNING THE NEW ARTIST AWARD THIS YEAR?
WELL...
...THAT WILL LARGELY DEPEND ON HOW T.B.C. DOES...
To Be Continue


THE ONLY ONE WHO'S SUSTAINING THE COMPANY IS JENNY.
SHE'S ALWAYS MANAGED TO DELIVER.
SHE'S OUR PILLAR.
RIGHT NOW, SHE'S OUR FOUNDATION.

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Debut Album

to be crowned... Finally on sale!

BEFORE RELEASING THEIR DEBUT ALBUM, **TO BE CONTINUED** (T B C) GAINED ENORMOUS POPULARITY BY HOSTING A VARIETY OF MUSIC AND AWARD SHOWS ON BOTH TELEVISION AND RADIO. WHEN THEY FINALLY DID RELEASE THEIR DEBUT, ITS SUCCESS WAS UNPRECEDENTED. PRE SALES ALONE WERE OVER 200,000 AND IT SOLD OUT AT STORES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

AS MANY PREDICTED, T.B.C IS AN INSTANT MEGA HIT!

THEIR SUCCESS IS UNPRECEDENTED, AND LARGELY ATTRIBUTED TO THE UNUSUAL STRATEGY THEIR PRODUCTION COMPANY ADOPTED

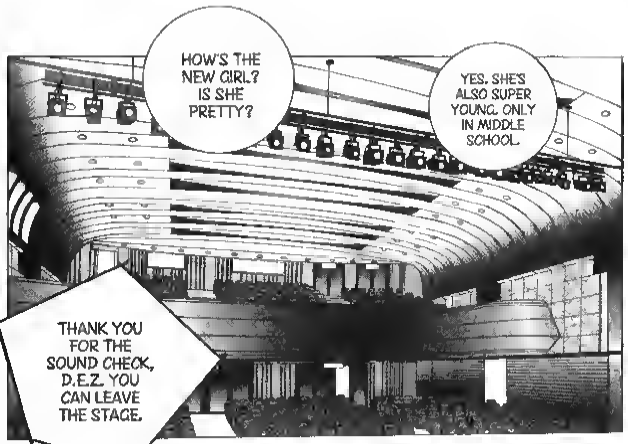
PART OF WHAT MAKES THIS GROUP SO UNIQUE ARE THE MEMBERS OF THE BAND- WHO ARE ALSO UNIQUE!

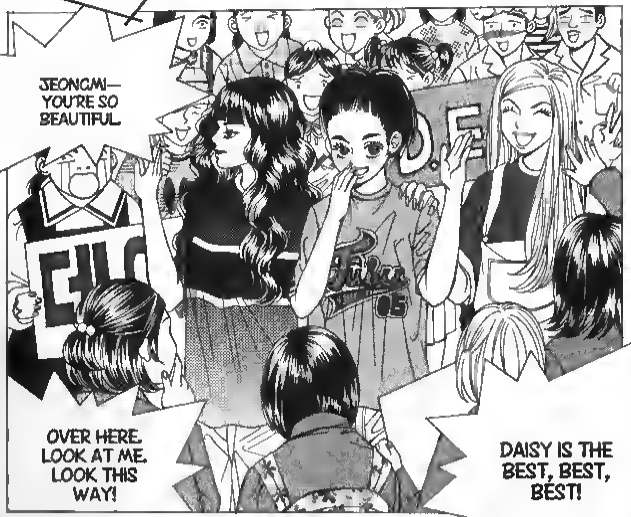
ONE THING THAT WE SHOULDN'T UNDERESTIMATE IS THE GROUP'S MUSICAL TALENT

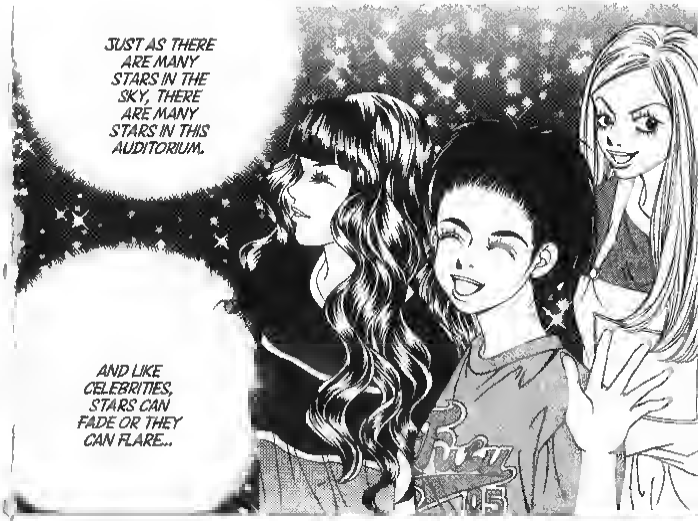
THE CD CONTAINS A VARIETY OF SOUNDS AND STYLES, INCLUDING HIP HOP, ROCK, AND R&B. ALL DEFTLY PERFORMED BY THE BAND EVERY LISTENER IS BOUND TO FIND A FAVORITE TRACK ON THIS DISC. FURTHERMORE, THERE'S A SECRET WEAPON

MY LOVE FOR YOU... TO BE CONTINUED... EVEN THOUGH YOU SAY GOODBYE TO ME NOW, I WON'T GIVE UP. TO BE CONTINUED... YEAH, YEAH...
HEY, SIEUN. WE'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU!
HEY, TAKE OUT YOUR EAR-PHONES, GIRL.
HUH?
HAS T.B.C. ARRIVED YET?
NO. THAT'S WHY WE WENT TO EAT.
WE LOOKED FOR YOU FOR 20 MINUTES BEFORE WE GAVE UP AND WENT BY OURSELVES.

WHO'S REHEARSING NOW?
D.E.Z.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, DID YOU HEAR SONYA LEFT D.E.Z.? SHE'S BEEN REPLACED.
SONYA'S GONE?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, GIRL? YOU USED TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT I.S. PRODUCTIONS, INCLUDING EVERY TIME AN INTERN WAS FIRED.
NOW THAT YOU FOLLOW T.B.C., YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING...
WAS SONYA KICKED OUT BECAUSE OF THE SCANDAL WITH JENNY?
NO. THERE WAS SOME PROBLEM WITH THE CONTRACT OR SOMETHING. SONYA EVEN SAID SHE WAS GOING TO SUE THE COMPANY.


HOW'S THE NEW GIRL? IS SHE PRETTY?
YES. SHE'S ALSO SUPER YOUNG. ONLY IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
THANK YOU FOR THE SOUND CHECK, D.E.Z. YOU CAN LEAVE THE STAGE.

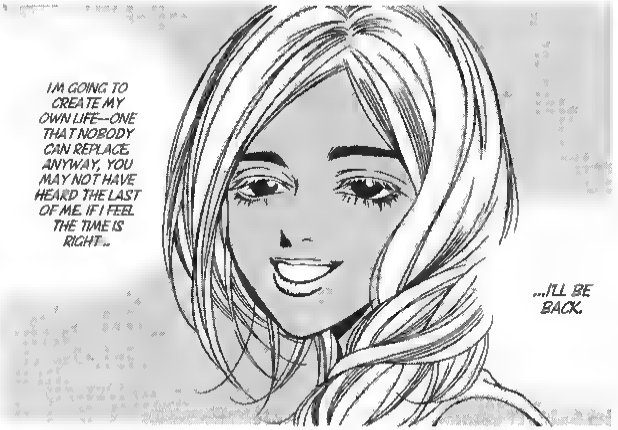

JEONGMI— YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL.
OVER HERE. LOOK AT ME. LOOK THIS WAY!
DAISY IS THE BEST, BEST, BEST!


JUST AS THERE ARE MANY STARS IN THE SKY, THERE ARE MANY STARS IN THIS AUDITORIUM.
AND LIKE CELEBRITIES, STARS CAN FADE OR THEY CAN FLARE..

IT SEEMS WHEN ONE STAR FADES AWAY, ANOTHER STAR APPEARS.
THAT'S WHY PEOPLE FORGET SO EASILY.

NOBODY REMEMBERS THE OLD STAR BECAUSE THE NEW STAR SHINES SO BRIGHTLY.
"IT USED TO BE SOMEONE, BUT NOW IT'S SOMEONE ELSE..."
THAT SIMPLE LYRIC SUMMARIZES IT ALL.

SONYA. WHAT YOU ONCE SAID TO ME NOW MAKES PE...FECT SENSE.
THERE ARE A HUNDRED GIRLS WAITING TO JUMP INTO MY PLACE. DANCERS AND DANCE GROUPS ARE INTERCHANGEABLE.


I'M GOING TO CREATE MY OWN LIFE--ONE THAT NOBODY CAN REPLACE. ANYWAY, YOU MAY NOT HAVE HEARD THE LAST OF ME. IF I FEEL THE TIME IS RIGHT...
...I'LL BE BACK.

I NEED ONE ON STAGE FOR THEIR REHEARSAL.
I WISH YOU THE BEST, SONYA. BECOME WHO YOU WANT TO BE.
FUBU
I'M SORRY. LET'S START AGAIN.
DURING REHEARSAL, WE USE A TAPE AND ONLY PRACTICE THE DANCE MOVES, NOT THE SINGING.
...RIGHT NOW WHERE ARE WE HEADING FOR. DO YOU KNOW DO YOU KNOW? NO. I DON'T. NO...
WHOOPS.
IT WAS ARROGANT OF ME TO HAVE PREACHED TO YOU, SONYA.
I'M IN NO POSITION TO DO THAT. I'M NOT AS BRAVE AS YOU.
FUBU

AFTER ALL, I'M JUST ANOTHER COMPANY PUPPET.
HEY, EUMPA. WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU TODAY?
I CAN'T DO ANY-THING RIGHT!!

I'M SORRY.
It's not okay.
WE'RE THE STARS AND THE BACKGROUND DANCERS ARE MORE IN SYNCH THAN YOU.
LET'S TAKE IT FROM THE TOP.

I NEED T.B.C. ON STAGE.
WOO-HOO!
OH MY GOD.
HEY, JIEUN, GET OVER HERE! THEY'RE GOING ON STAGE.
YAY!!!

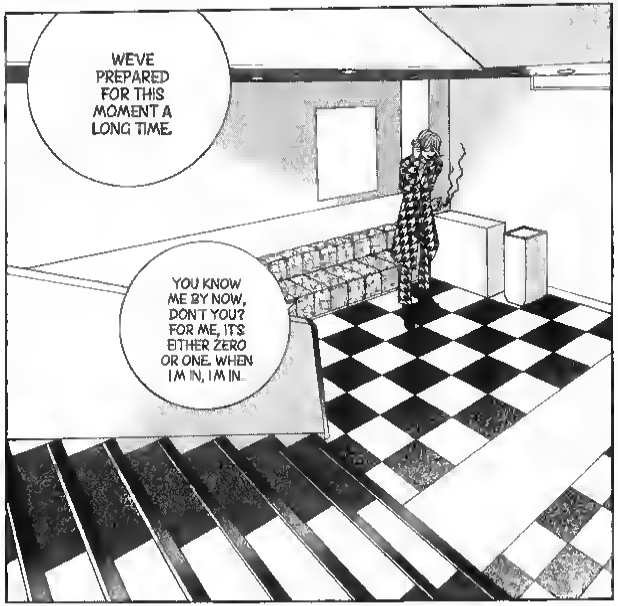
DAMN, THOSE GROUPIES ARE GOING WILDER FOR THEM THAN FOR T.N.T.
I'M SWEATING JUST THINKING ABOUT IT.
ISN'T THIS THE FIRST TIME [redacted]RE RANKED?

HAVE YOU HEARD THEIR SONGS?
YES. THEY'RE TYPICAL KARAOKE-STYLE SONGS-- EASY TO REMEMBER, LOTS OF REPETITION, AND EASY TO SING ALONG WITH.
SOOYONG, LOOK AT THEM.
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'VE SEEN T.B.C. BEFORE.
THEY'RE NOT LIP-SYNCHING!

THEY'RE PLAYING LIVE!!!

WHILE PERFORMING A DIFFICULT, POWERFUL DANCE...
THEY'RE SINGING LIVE!
CALM DOWN, MR. PRESIDENT. I KNOW YOU'RE EXCITED.
I'M GLAD YOU WERE IMPRESSED BY T.B.C.

THEY WERE MARVELOUS! MARVELOUS! THEY'RE EVERYTHING I DREAMED OF. I OWE IT ALL TO YOU-- THANK YOU.
THIS IS ONLY PART OF WHAT I PROMISED YOU, REMEMBER?


WE'VE PREPARED FOR THIS MOMENT A LONG TIME.
YOU KNOW ME BY NOW, DON'T YOU? FOR ME, IT'S EITHER ZERO OR ONE. WHEN I'M IN, I'M IN.

THE VERY BACKBONE OF I.S. IS T.N.T....
...AND JENNY YOU.
MR. YUNJIN LEE.
YES?
MS. KIM, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHERE'S JENNY?
SHE'S REHEARSING. WHY?
I JUST GOT OFF THE PHONE WITH THE SHOW'S EXECUTIVE PRODUCER WHO TOLD ME SOMETHING YOU SHOULD HEAR.

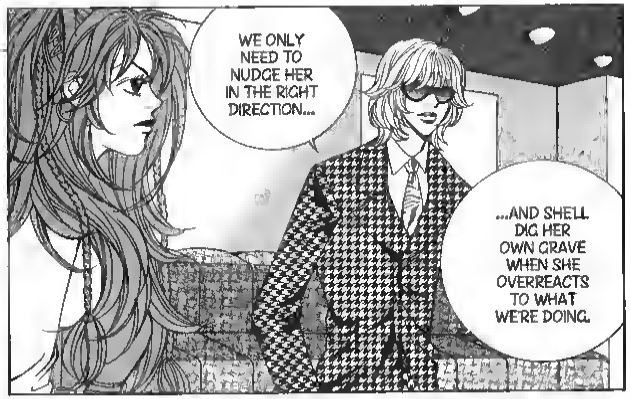
ANYWAY, WISH ME LUCK.
TODAY IS THE DAY I MAKE MY "DEBUT."
WOOJAE HA CREATED A NEW GROUP.
THEY'RE GOING TO BE ON THE SHOW TODAY.

THEY KEPT IT A TIGHTLY GUARDED SECRET.
ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE GROUP IS...

ARE YOU CONFIDENT, WOOJAE?

SHOULDN'T YOU BE THE ONE WITH CONFIDENCE?
...ANGIE.
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE SHOW.
I MEANT ABOUT US BREAKING JENNY YOU.

REMEMBER, WE'RE NOT GOING TO BREAK ANY SALES RECORDS OR BE HUGELY POPULAR...
WE HAVE A DIFFERENT GOAL BEFORE US.
I WAS JENNY'S MUSIC TEACHER FOR TWO YEARS.
I KNOW HER AND HER MUSIC STYLE INSIDE AND OUT.


WE ONLY NEED TO NUDGE HER IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION...
...AND SHE'LL DIG HER OWN GRAVE WHEN SHE OVERREACTS TO WHAT WE'RE DOING.

I PUT MORE EFFORT INTO THIS THAN I DID WITH T.B.C.
I FORCED YOU TO TRAIN AND LEARN A STYLE OF MUSIC YOU HAD NO INTEREST IN.

WHY? BECAUSE IT'S JENNY'S ACHILLES HEEL.
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?
WE'RE STARTING TEDDY'S REHEARSAL NOW.
TEDDY? WHO'S THAT? A NEW BAND? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THEM.
WOOJAE HA? MY OLD TEACHER?
THAT'S IT!
THAT MUST BE WOOJAE HA'S NEW...

SECTION 48: YOU ARE NEXT, JENNY!!/ THE END

SECTION 49
JENNY'S GOING DOWN

HEY, THESE GUYS ARE PRETTY GOOD. WHAT'S THEIR NAME?
THEY SOUND PUNK.
WHO ARE THEY?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN. THEY LOOK FAMILIAR.
I'M SORRY. I'LL START AGAIN. BASS GUITAR KEEPS GOING OUT OF TUNE.
HOJIN, CAN YOU TUNE THE BASS AGAIN?
OH... MY... GOD...
IT'S WOOJAE HA AND...
...ANGIE!

LET'S TRY AGAIN.
ONE.
TWO.
THREE...!!

IS THAT REALLY ANGIE?
SHE USED TO BE SO NERVOUS AND TIMID... EVERYONE THOUGHT OF HER AS A JENNY YOU WANNABE.
WHAT A MAKEOVER!
HER VOICE IS INCREDIBLE. MAJESTIC. IT'S LIKE FALLING RAIN.
AND THE MUSIC IS FANTASTIC. SHE'S BACKED UP BY SOME AMAZING MUSICIANS.
IT SEEMS LIKE WE FINALLY HAVE A REAL SINGER AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!
THIS IS MORE THAN A REHEARSAL-- IT'S AN OLD-FASHIONED JAM SESSION!

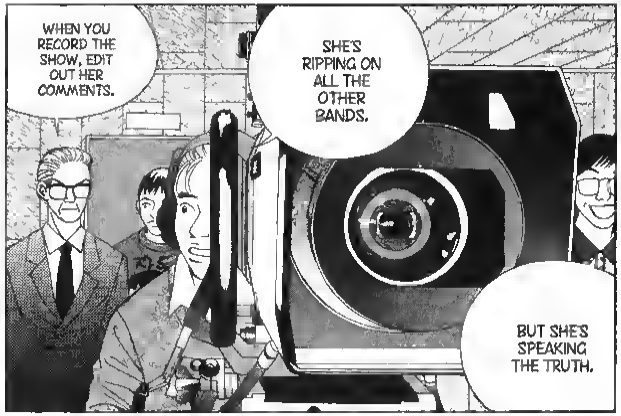
THAT WAS GREAT!! WE REALLY ENJOYED THE SONG. IT'S SO FRESH AND NEW. IS IT PUNK?
YES, IT'S SOMETHING I'VE WANTED TO DO FOR A LONG TIME... BUT IT'S MORE THAN THAT. IT'S A BLEND OF STYLES AND GENRES. ONE OF THE SONGS ON OUR ALBUM HAS ME PLAYING VIOLIN.
DID WOOJAE HA COMPOSE ALL THE SONGS?
UH-HUH. IN FACT, LET ME INTRODUCE THE BAND...
ON LEAD GUITAR IS THE ONE AND ONLY WOOJAE HA!

Du Du Du Du
ON RHYTHM GUITAR IS KIWON KANG. HOJIN JEON PLAYS BASS AND JEONGSUNG AN IS BEHIND THE DRUM KIT. AND OF COURSE, YOU ALL KNOW ME ON VOCALS.
Doung...
Doung
HEY DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OLD SCHOOL AND NEW?
HUH...? WHAT AN ODD QUESTION. WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

OLD SCHOOL ROCK...
LEAD GUITAR, WOOJAE HA.
RHYTHM GUITAR, KIWON KANG.
BASS GUITAR, HOJIN JEON.
DRUMS, JEONGSEUNG AN.
NEW POP GROUP...
MAIN VOCALS, WOOJAE HA.
BACKING VOCALS, KIWON KANG.
MAIN RAP, HOJIN JEON.
RAPPER, JEONGSUNG AN.

AH HA HA! THAT'S VERY FUNNY!
THERE'S MORE. OLD SCHOOL GROUPS HAVE TO CARRY THEIR HEAVY INSTRUMENTS AND SPEAKERS LIKE US, BUT ALL THE NEW GROUPS NEED IS THEIR MOUTHS.
IT'S CERTAINLY EASIER--AND COSTS LESS IF YOU DON'T HAVE TO BUY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.
YEAH, BUT THEY HAVE TO FEED DOZENS OF BACKGROUND DANCERS, DON'T THEY?

ALSO, BANDS HAVE TO ACTUALLY PLAY LIVE DURING REHEARSAL, BUT NEW GROUPS ONLY REHEARSE THEIR DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY WHILE LIP-SYNCHING.
MOST NEW GROUPS CAN'T EVEN WRITE THEIR OWN MUSIC-- BUT WE CAN!
THANK YOU, TEDDY. WE'RE FINISHED WITH THE SOUND CHECK. BE BACK IN THIRTY MINUTES FOR THE REAL THING.

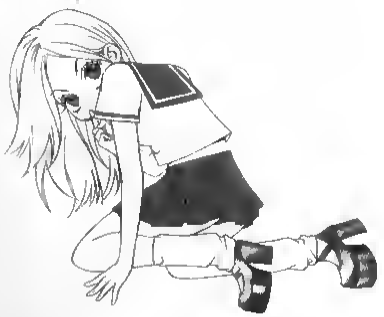

WHEN YOU RECORD THE SHOW, EDIT OUT HER COMMENTS.
SHE'S RIPPING ON ALL THE OTHER BANDS.
BUT SHE'S SPEAKING THE TRUTH.

AMAZING. ABSOLUTELY AMAZING.
FORTUNATELY, THEY'RE NO THREAT TO OUR COMPANY. THEY'RE JUST A PUNK BAND.
THEY WON'T HAVE MUCH COMMERCIAL VALUE. WOOJAE'S AN IDIOT IF HE THINKS THIS WILL SUCCEED.

JENNY!
WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE. I JUST LOST MY BALANCE BECAUSE OF THESE DAMN HIGH HEELS.
LET'S GET YOU SOME NEW SHOES. WHERE'S THE COORDINATOR?
NEVER MIND. I'LL BE ALL RIGHT.

HONEY, DID YOU HURT YOUR ANKLE? DOES IT HURT? DO YOU WANT ME TO MASSAGE YOUR FOOT?
DID YOU SEE T.B.C.'S REHEARSAL?
YES, THEY WERE AMAZING.
HARD TO BELIEVE THAT SOME POP GROUPS DON'T RELY ON LIP-SYNCHING DURING THEIR COMPLEX DANCE MOVES.
THEY MUST TRAIN THEMSELVES HARD TO SING AND DANCE LIKE THAT, DON'T YOU THINK?
I KNOW I COULDN'T DO IT.

WOOJAE HA WORKS REALLY HARD TO CREATE GROUPS LIKE THAT.
THEY SAY THE TRAINING IS WORSE THAN MILITARY BOOT CAMP.



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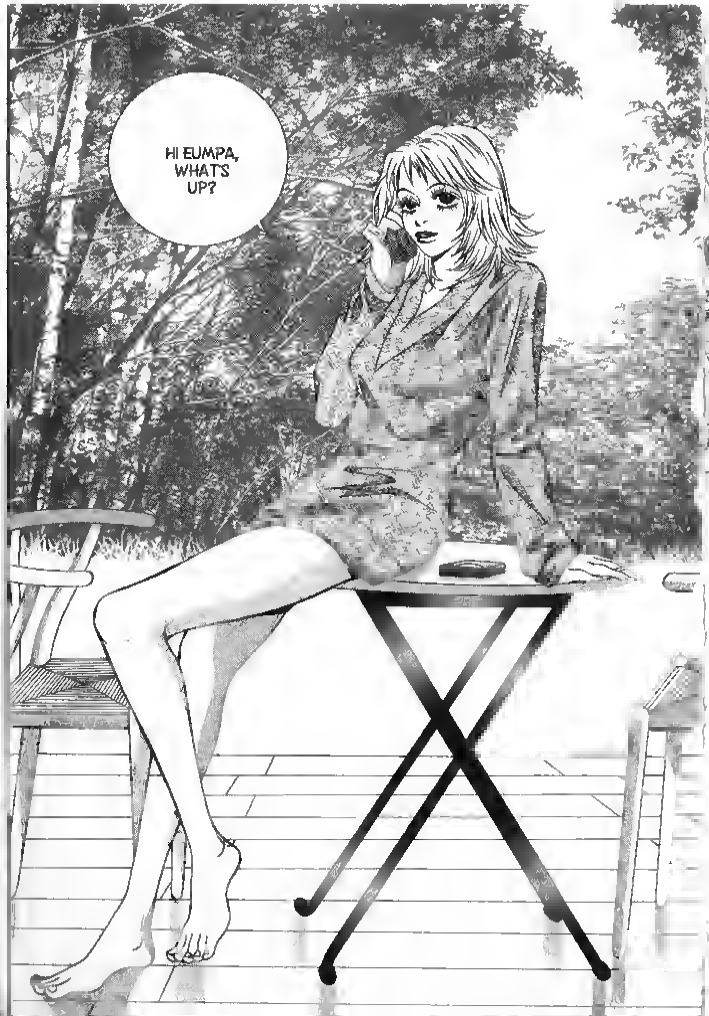
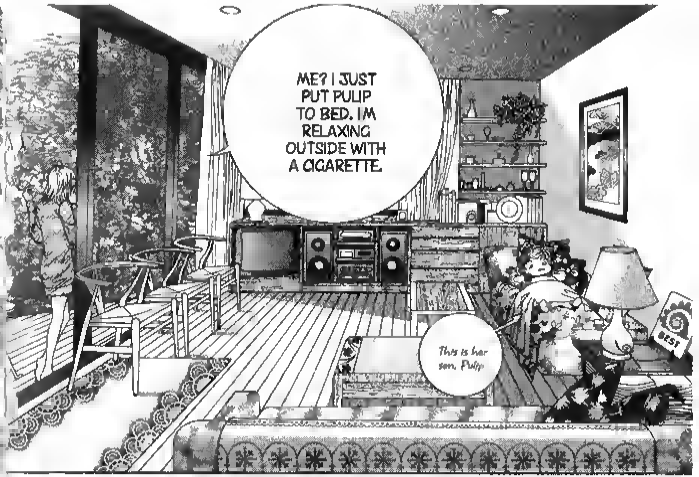
HELLO?

IT'S ME. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
EUMPA?


HI EUMPA, WHAT'S UP?

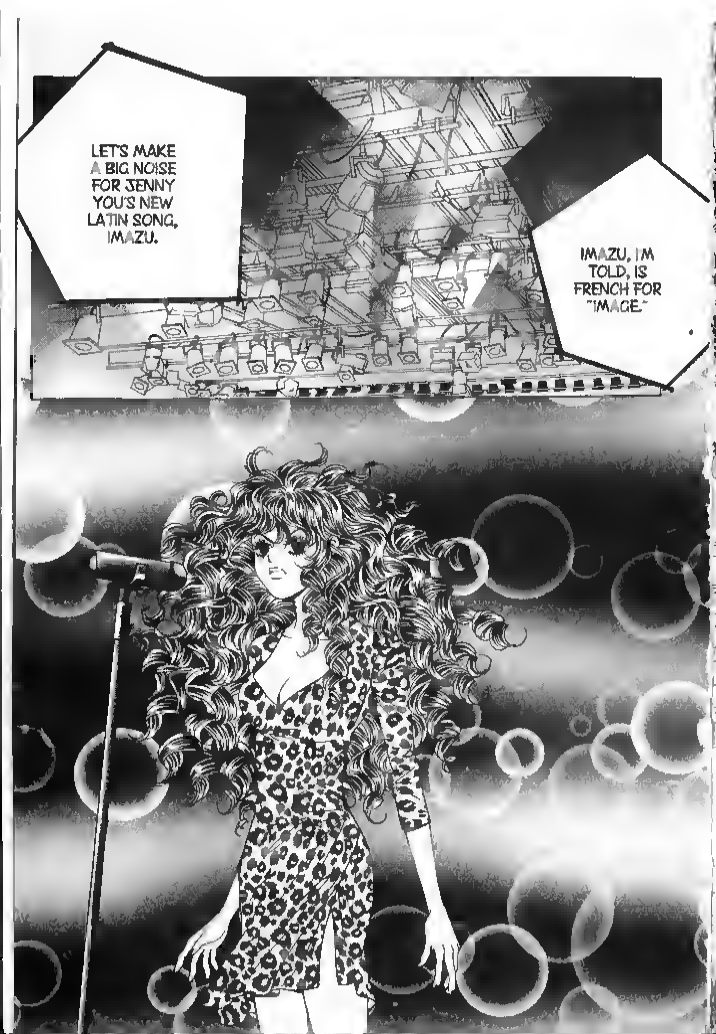

ME? I JUST PUT PULIP TO BED. IM RELAXING OUTSIDE WITH A CIGARETTE.
This is her son, Pulip

WHY ARE YOU SMOKING?
I ONLY SMOKE OUTSIDE, NEVER IN THE HOUSE. I'LL PUT IT OUT YOU ACT LIKE MY MOTHER-IN-LAW
I MEAN WHY DO PEOPLE SMOKE IN GENERAL? DOES IT HELP RELIEVE STRESS?
WHAT? WHY DO YOU ASK?

I WAS JUST THINKING THAT IF I SMOKED, I WOULD PROBABLY WANT A CIGARETTE NOW...
I'LL KICK YOUR ASS IF YOU START SMOKING!
YOU'RE IMPOSSIBLE TO TALK TO, JIHAE. I'VE GOT TO GO.
YOU HEAR ME, IF YOU START SMOKING, I'LL KILL YOU!!!
CLICK
HE HUNG UP ON ME...

WHAT'S TROUBLING YOU, MY DEAR BOY?

MBS
GOOD EVENING, I'M HERE WITH THE HOTTEST ACT IN THE COUNTRY, JENNY YOU. JENNY, YOUR CURRENT ALBUM IS STEAMING HOT WITH A WHOPPING THREE SONGS NOMINATED FOR THE NUMBER-ONE SONG ON THE SHOW. HOW DO YOU FEEL?
I SEE IT'S MADE YOU QUITE SPEECHLESS, EH, JENNY...?
SAY SOME-THING!
UH...
CUT!!!
JENNY, ARE YOU SICK? IS SOMETHING WRONG?
JENNY...
UM...
PU... YOURSELF TOGETHER. WE'RE RECORDING!


LET'S MAKE A BIG NOISE FOR JENNY YOU'S NEW LATIN SONG, IMAZU.
IMAZU, I'M TOLD, IS FRENCH FOR "IMAGE."

SONG...
IS THAT REALLY ANGIE?
PLAY...!
HER VOICE IS INCREDIBLE. MAJESTIC. IT'S LIKE FALLING RAIN.
IT SEEMS LIKE WE FINALLY HAVE A REAL SINGER AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!

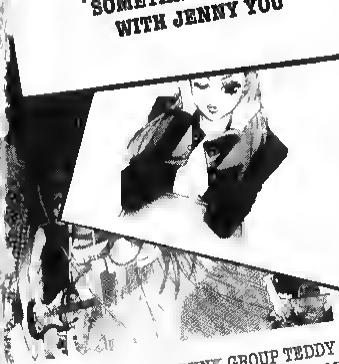
...BUT NEW GROUPS ONLY REHEARSE THEIR DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY WHILE LIP-SYNCHING...
ITS SO FRESH AND NEW. IS IT PUNK?
YES! IT'S SOMETHING I'VE WANTED TO DO FOR A LONG TIME.
LIAR! YOU NEVER LIKED PUNK.
THAT'S... THE MUSIC...
...THAT I WANTED TO DO!
EVER SINCE I WAS A CHILD

WHY DOES SHE GET TO DO WHAT I'VE WANTED TO DO MY WHOLE LIFE? IT'S NOT FAIR...
INSTEAD I'M DRESSING UP LIKE SOME IDIOT BARBIE DOLL...
JENNY!! YOU IDIOT!
DID YOU FORGET AGAIN?! YOU'RE LUCKY THIS ISN'T A LIVE SHOW!!
I GUESS IT'S TRUE THAT YOU'RE AN AIRHEAD. YOU CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER YOUR OWN SONG? HOW DUMB CAN YOU BE?
CALM DOWN.
WHY IS SHE ZONING OUT?
I DUNNO
WATCH WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

SECTION 49: END IS GOING DOWN / THE END

SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH JENNY YOU

POP STAR FORGETS LYRICS DURING RECENT BROADCAST! IS SHE EMOTIONALLY TROUBLED?

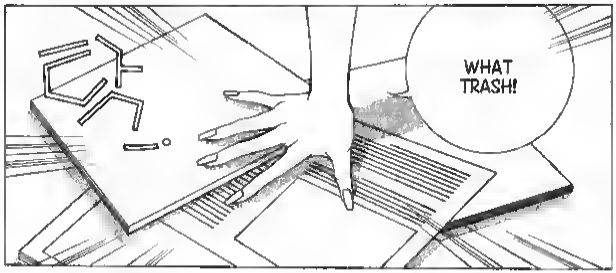


DID JENNY YOU ATTEMPT SUICIDE?

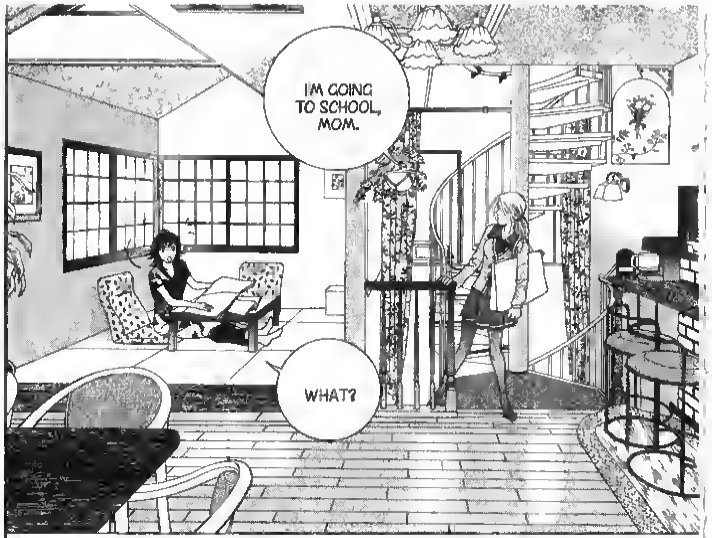
THOUGH HER MANAGER DENIES IT, RUMORS ABOUND THAT JENNY YOU ATTEMPTED SUICIDE BECAUSE SHE CAN'T HANDLE THE PRESSURES OF SUCCESS.

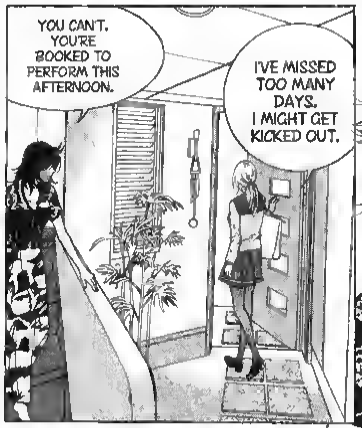
BUBBLEGUM PUNK GROUP TEDDY BRINGS REFRESHING EDGE BACK TO MUSIC

PLAYING LIVE IS ALIVE!



SECTION 50
NO HOPE FOR RECOVERY?!!


I'M GOING TO SCHOOL, MOM.
WHAT?


YOU CAN'T. YOU'RE BOOKED TO PERFORM THIS AFTERNOON.
I'VE MISSED TOO MANY DAYS. I MIGHT GET KICKED OUT.

JENNY, IS ANYTHING WRONG?

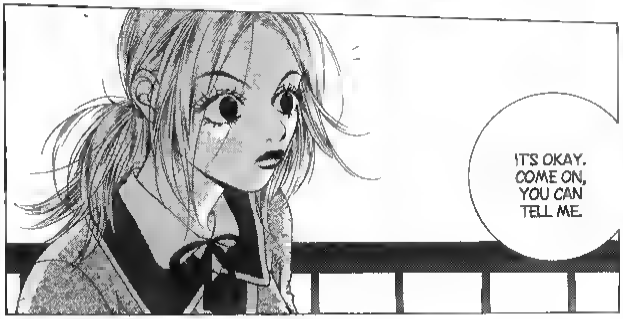
NO, I'M FINE...

HEY! THE QUEEN OF TEARS FINALLY SHOWS UP.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HOW YOU CRIED DURING THAT BROAD-CAST..
"BECAUSE...I LIKED YOUNG3U WON!"
.....

ANY IDEA WHERE EUMPA IS?
NO. HE WENT OUT WITH HIS OTHER GIRLFRIEND -- YOUNG3U
I SEE.
WHAT DOES HE SEE IN HER?! HOW ANNOYING.
HEY, JENNY. WAIT. I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU.
WHAT NOW?
I WANTED TO THANK YOU AND TELL YOU... I LOVE YOU.

THANKS TO YOU, I NO LONGER HAVE THE LOWEST GPA IN SCHOOL.
REPORT CARD - JENNY YOU
I KNOW I AM. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'M NOT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CLASS.
I HOPE YOU'RE ENJOYING YOURSELF. IT WON'T LAST.
WHY NOT? WE HAVE TIME OFF...
THANKS TO YOU, MORON.
SHOW OFF!
WHAT? HOW DID YOU GET THAT?!!
THEY HANDED THEM OUT YESTERDAY...
ITS... REAL...
I TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD GIVE IT TO YOU. SHOULDN'T YOU BE THANKFUL?
WE LOVE IT WHEN YOU TAKE A BREAK. ♡
YOU SHOULD THANK ME.
♡ WE CAN SEE YOU AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

DAMN... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
I'VE HIT ROCK BOTTOM.
HAVE YOU SEEN, YOUNGJU AND EUMPA?
YEAH, I JUST SAW THEM GOING DOWNSTAIRS AROUND BACK.
WHERE IS HE GOING WITH YOUNGJU?


IT'S OKAY. COME ON, YOU CAN TELL ME.

SOMETHING'S WRONG... I CAN TELL.
IT'S NOTHING.
YOU CAN TALK TO ME.

YOU ONCE TOLD ME...
I COULD CONFIDE IN YOU BECAUSE YOU WOULD ALWAYS BE BY MY SIDE.
WELL NOW I'M BY YOUR SIDE!

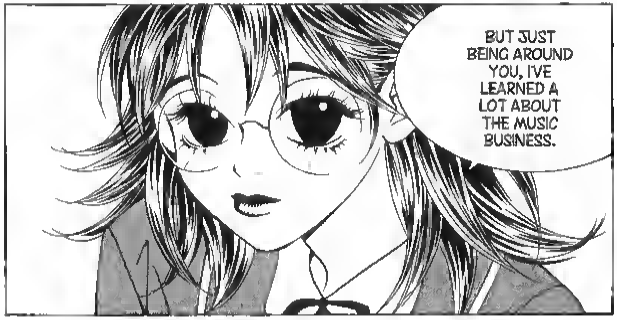
IT'S JUST, I FEEL LIKE SOMETHING'S SHAKING DEEP INSIDE OF ME.
WHAT IS IT?
EVER SINCE I SAW T.B.C. AND TEDDY PERFORM, I'VE BEEN...

...I DON'T KNOW. JEALOUS? ENVIOUS? SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
I FINALLY MADE MY DEBUT, HAD MY CHANCE TO SHINE, BUT... AFTER I WATCHED THEIR PERFORMANCE IT MADE ME FEEL LIKE I WASN'T A REAL SINGER.
I FELT LIKE A FRAUD.

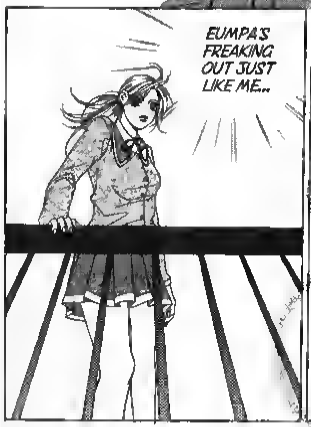
I THOUGHT I WAS SPECIAL...
...BUT I'M JUST A FOOL.

OH, SWEETIE...
YOU'RE NOT A FOOL.

YOU'RE ONLY HERE BECAUSE OF ME. STUPID, STUPID ME.
I PUSHED YOU TO DO THIS BECAUSE I WANTED TO SEE YOU ON TV.

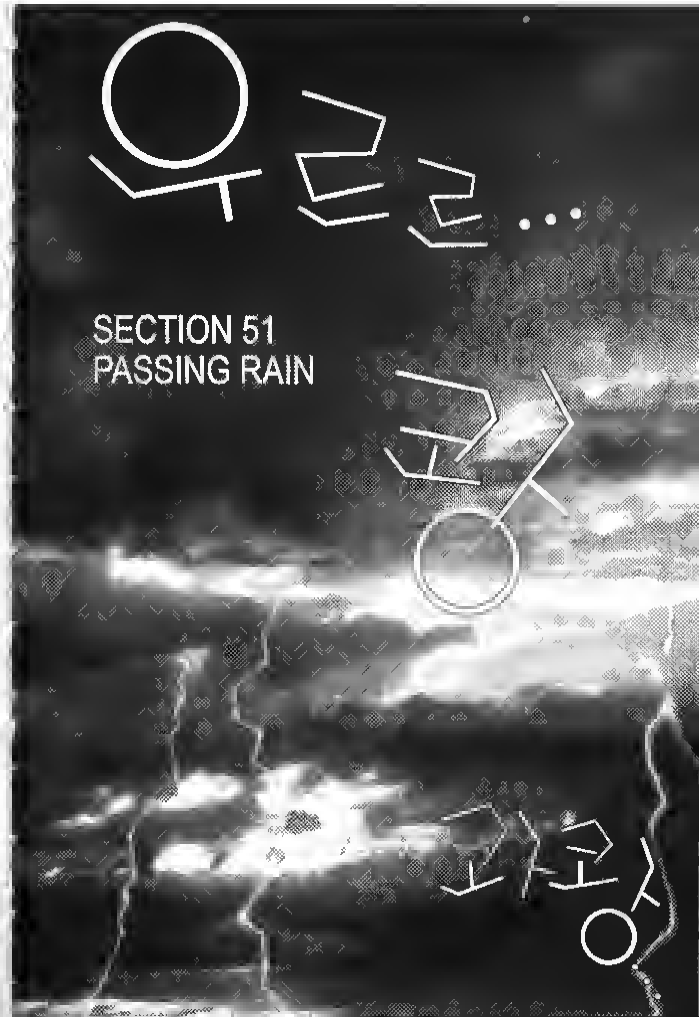

BUT JUST BEING AROUND YOU, I'VE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE MUSIC BUSINESS.

I LEARNED THAT YOU DON'T BELONG THERE.
YOU HAVE YOUR OWN MUSIC AND YOUR OWN DREAM.


EUMPA'S FREAKING OUT JUST LIKE ME...

THANK YOU FOR COMFORTING HIM, YOUNGJU.
YOU'RE HIS FRIEND IN HIS TIME OF NEED...

..BUT WHERE'S MY FRIEND?
I NEED TO BE COMFORTED, TOO...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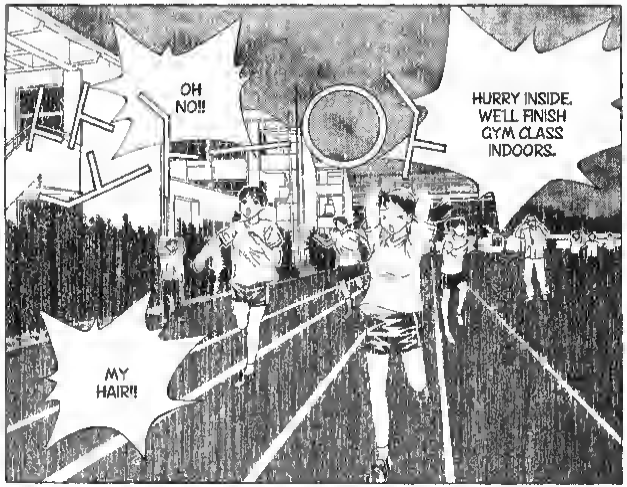
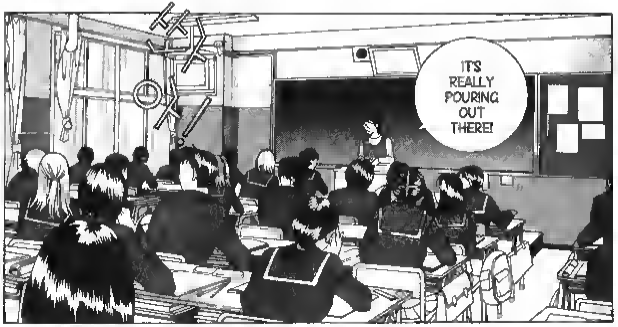
PASSING RAIN

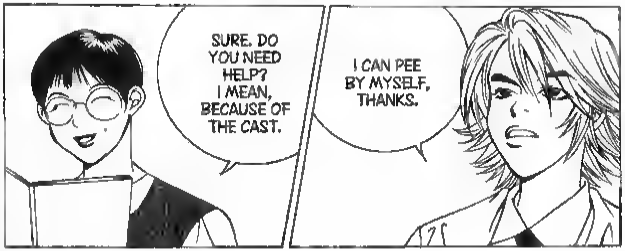

OH NO!!
HURRY INSIDE. WE'LL FINISH GYM CLASS INDOORS.
MY HAIR!!


IT'S REALLY POURING OUT THERE!

THERE WAS NO RAIN IN TODAY'S FORECAST.
I HOPE IT DOESN'T LAST LONG.

DID JENNY LEAVE EARLY TODAY?
I GUESS.
MAYBE SHE HAD TO MAKE A TV APPEARANCE. I WISH I HAD A TV APPEARANCE.
I've been out of it so long

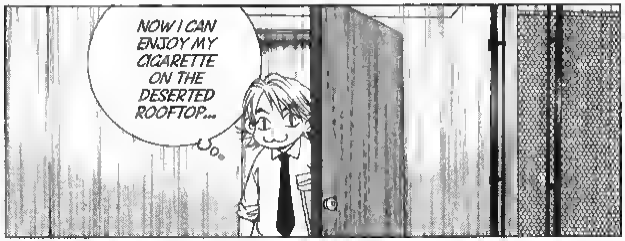
I HAVE TO GO TO THE BATHROOM!

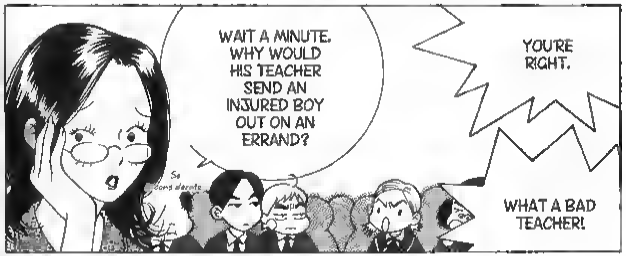

SURE. DO YOU NEED HELP? I MEAN, BECAUSE OF THE CAST.
I CAN PEE BY MYSELF, THANKS.

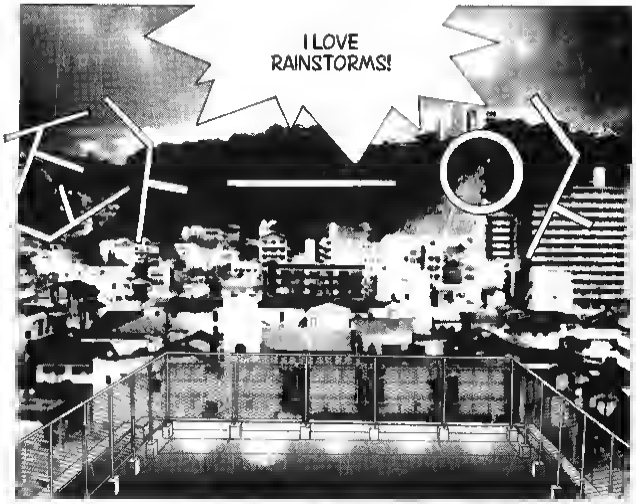
THE CAST IS ON MY LEG, NOT MY DICK.
Girls scream
Boys laugh
BEHAVE YOURSELF, OR I'LL SEND YOU AND YOUR DICK TO THE PRINCIPAL.
THOUGH YOU'RE PROBABLY GOING OUT TO SMOKE, AREN'T YOU?
YOU CAN TAG ALONG AND HOLD IT IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME.

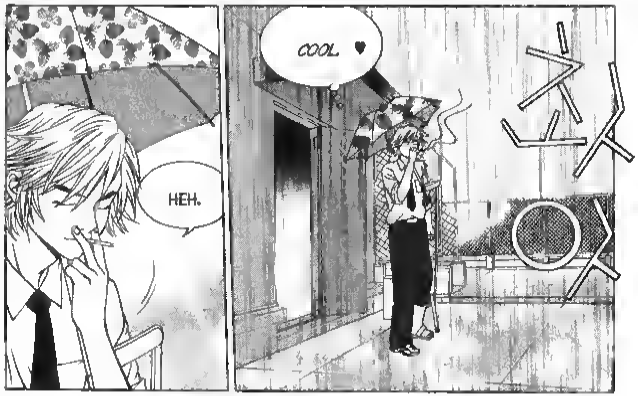
I'M A POP STAR. I DON'T SMOKE IN THE BATHROOM.
F(X)=X³-8X² +17X-10=0
HMM, LET'S GO INTO THIS CLASS.
IT'S THE MATH CLASS. SHHH.
NOW APPLY X=1 TO THE FORMULA F(1)=0.
EXCUSE ME.
IT'S HA ROCK!
HEE HEE!
YAY, HA ROCK!
SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT I WAS WONDERING IF I COULD BORROW AN UMBRELLA? MY TEACHER SENT ME OUTSIDE TO RUN AN ERRAND, BUT SHE DIDN'T BRING ONE...
MINE IS A GOLF UMBRELLA. IT'S HUGE.
YOU CAN HAVE MINE.
USE MINE, ROCK!
I HAVE A PARASOL!

HA HA!
I LOVE BEING FAMOUS.

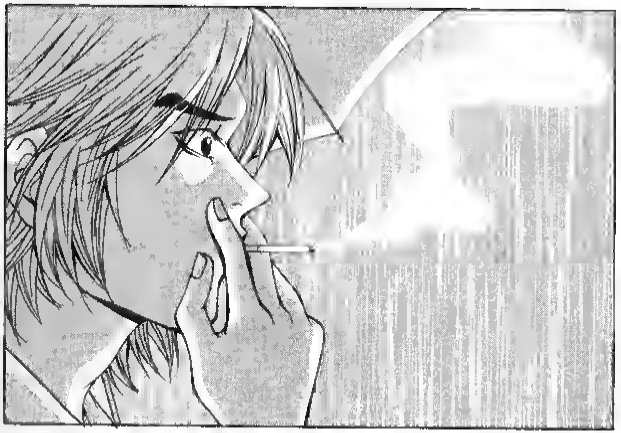

NOW I CAN ENJOY MY CIGARETTE ON THE DESERTED ROOFTOP...

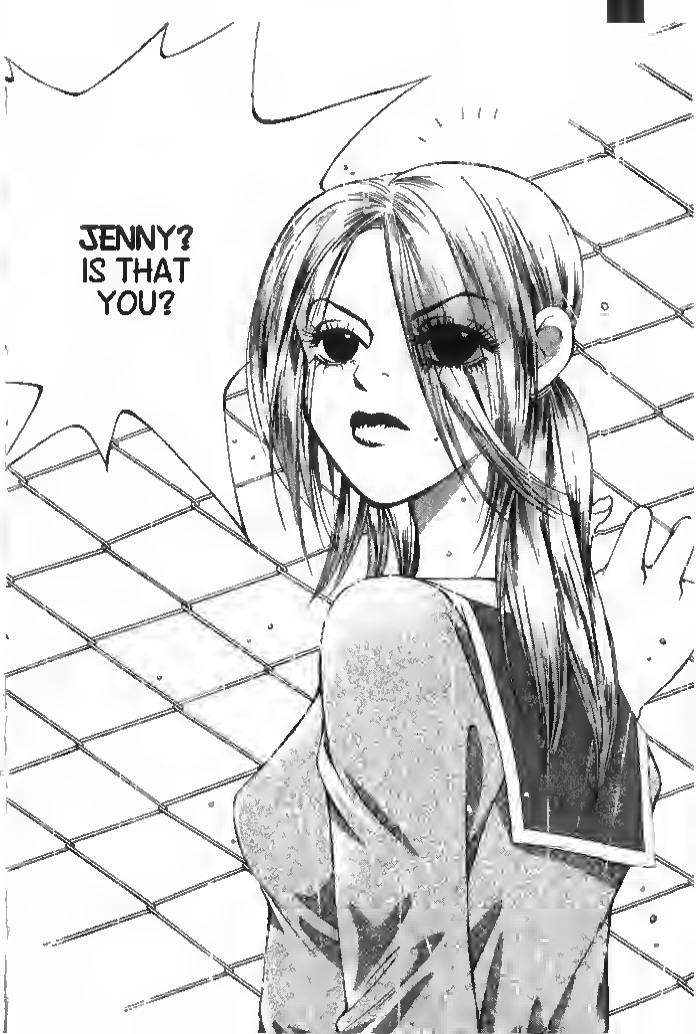

WAIT A MINUTE. WHY WOULD HIS TEACHER SEND AN INJURED BOY OUT ON AN ERRAND?
YOU'RE RIGHT.
WHAT A BAD TEACHER!

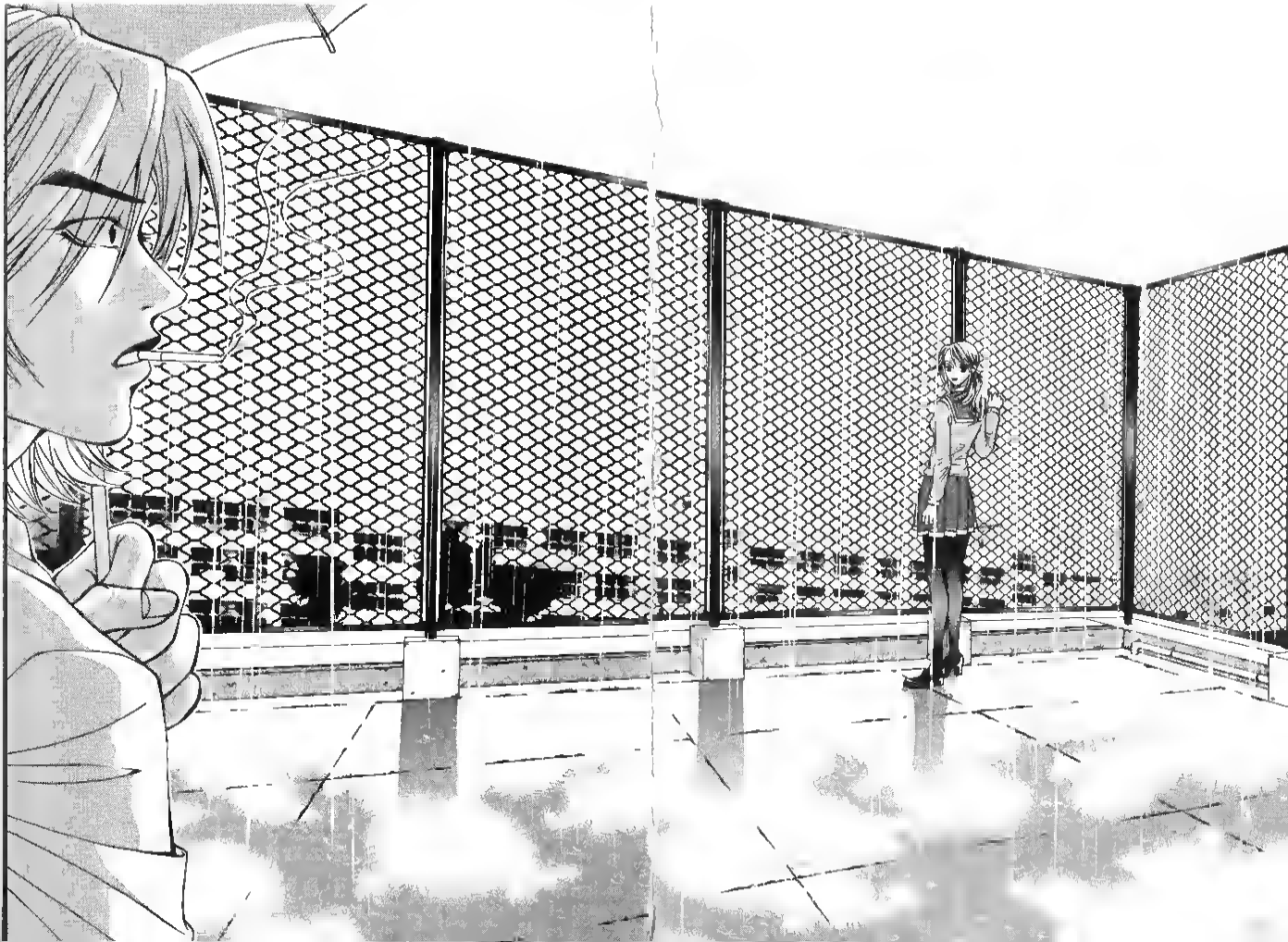

I LOVE RAINSTORMS!


HEH.
COOL ♥

AH! NOTHING LIKE THE SATISFYING FEEL OF NICOTINE IN YOUR LUNGS.
(cough, cough)
PUFF




JENNY? IS THAT YOU?



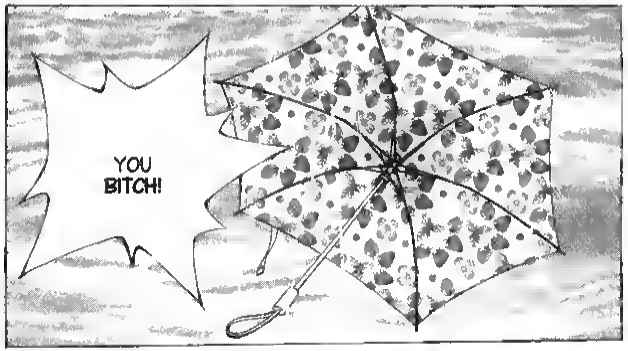
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE WITHOUT AN UMBRELLA?
ARE YOU CRAZY?
.....
I WAS JUST WATCHING THE PLAYGROUND.

WHY?
THERE'S NO ONE PLAYING.
I KNOW.
I THOUGHT YOU LEFT SCHOOL EARLY. HAVE YOU BEEN HERE THE WHOLE TIME?
YES.

I OVERHEARD A PRODUCER COMPARING ANGIE'S VOICE TO THE SOUND OF RAIN.
I WANTED TO HEAR WHAT HE MEANT.
WOW, I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD SEE THE DAY...
.....

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
THE GREAT JENNY YOU...
...IS JEALOUS!

JEALOUS?! WHY SHOULD I BE JEALOUS?!!
SHE'S NOTHING TO ME!!
I'M BETTER THAN HER!
DON'T EVER SAY THAT I'M JEALOUS -- OF ANYONE!
YEAH, I ALMOST BELIEVE THAT.


YOU BITCH!

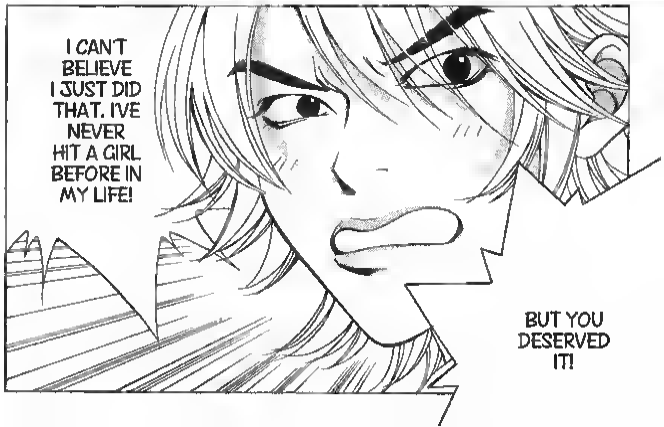
THAT'S IT! I'VE HAD IT WITH YOU!
YOU CAN'T SLAP PEOPLE AROUND! YOU HEAR ME?!

DON'T YOU DARE GRAB ME!!

HERE, HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?!

UH...
SNIFF...

I... I...
OH MY GOD...WHAT HAVE I DONE...?
YOU... YOU... ERGH!


I CAN'T BELIEVE I JUST DID THAT. I'VE NEVER HIT A GIRL BEFORE IN MY LIFE!
BUT YOU DESERVED IT!

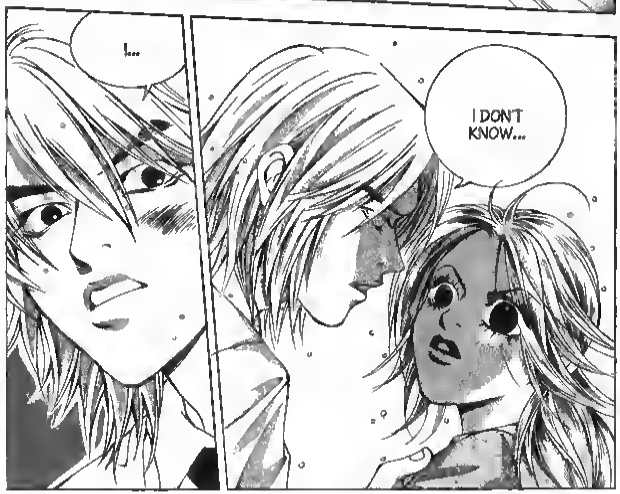
WAAAAA!!
OH, STOP CRYING. I BARELY TOUCHED YOU!

I DIDN'T HIT YOU HARD ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU CRY LIKE THAT! LET ME SEE.
WAAAAA!!

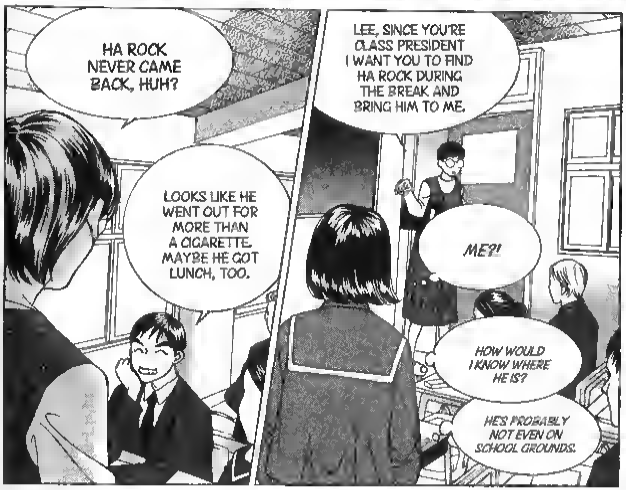
YOUR FACE ISN'T EVEN RED. YOU BIG FAKER!
BETTER A FAKER THAN A STUPID DICKWEED!

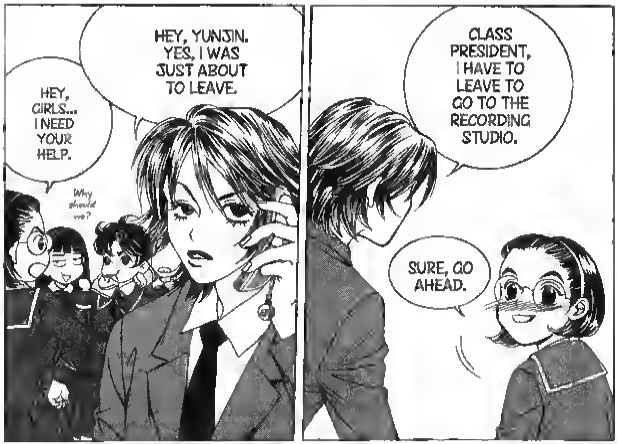
YOU'RE A SPOILED BRAT!
TAKES ONE TO KNOW ONE!

WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! GET AWAY FROM ME!


I...
I DON'T KNOW...

WHATS GOTTEN INTO ME?


HA ROCK NEVER CAME BACK, HUH?
LOOKS LIKE HE WENT OUT FOR MORE THAN A CIGARETTE. MAYBE HE GOT LUNCH, TOO.
LEE, SINCE YOU'RE CLASS PRESIDENT I WANT YOU TO FIND HA ROCK DURING THE BREAK AND BRING HIM TO ME.
ME?!
HOW WOULD I KNOW WHERE HE IS?
HE'S PROBABLY NOT EVEN ON SCHOOL GROUNDS.


HEY, GIRLS... I NEED YOUR HELP.
Why should we?
HEY, YUNJIN. YES, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO LEAVE.
CLASS PRESIDENT, I HAVE TO LEAVE TO GO TO THE RECORDING STUDIO.
SURE, GO AHEAD.

THE RAIN STOPPED.

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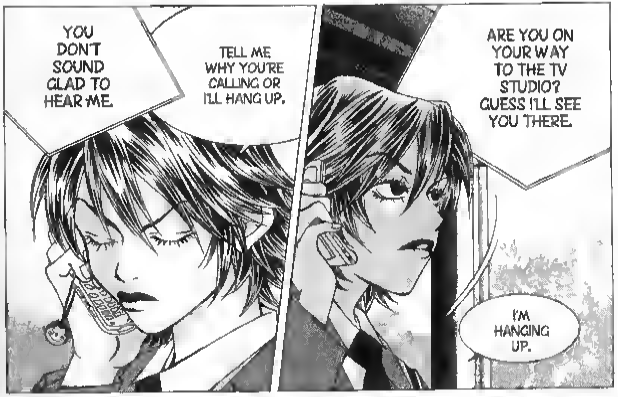
SECTION 52
JUST ONE MORE KISS

WHAT...
WHAT DO YOU WANT?


YOU DON'T SOUND GLAD TO HEAR ME.
TELL ME WHY YOU'RE CALLING OR I'LL HANG UP.
ARE YOU ON YOUR WAY TO THE TV STUDIO? GUESS I'LL SEE YOU THERE.
I'M HANGING UP.

WOULD YOU HANG UP ON THE BEARER OF GOOD NEWS?
WHAT?
YOU'RE [redacted] THE NUMBER-ONE TITLE IN *TODAY'S POPULAR TOP 10*
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

ISN'T IT EXCITING? YOUR FIRST NUMBER-ONE TITLE!
HOW DO YOU KNOW?
THAT TITLE IS MEANT FOR T.B.C.... WHY WOULD YOU TAKE IT AWAY FROM YOUR OWN BAND?

OH, I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. IT WAS THE PRESIDENT OF YOUR COMPANY WHO BRIBED AND LOBBIED THE RIGHT PEOPLE. THANKS TO HIM, T.B.C. IS SCREWED. WHAT A PITY.

LIAR...
YOU'RE A LIAR!!

I GUESS YOU'LL FIND OUT WHEN YOU COME TO THE STUDIO. OF COURSE, I'M SURE YOU REALIZE THAT YOUR GROUP ISN'T READY FOR NUMBER ONE, DON'T YOU?
LUCKY YOU. YOU'RE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO WORK FOR A COMPANY THAT MAKES SURE THE NUMBER-ONE SPOT IS HANDED DOWN TO YOU--
EVER SINCE T.N.T. WENT OUT OF COMMISSION, ISSUE PRODUCTIONS BEGAN PUSHING YOUR GROUP.

WHERE ARE YOU? ARE YOU WATCHING ME?!!
QUIT HIDING AND FACE ME! FACE ME WITH YOUR LIES!!
I HAVE NO REASON TO HIDE, EUMPA. I'LL SEE YOU AT THE STUDIO.
HELLO...?!
LIES...
I DON'T BUY IT.

HA ROCK!! THERE YOU ARE! HAVE YOU BEEN SKIPPING CLASS?!!

HI, LEE...

WE'RE YOU OUT IN THE RAIN? YOU LOOK AWFUL— LIKE A DROWNED RAT

LEE, COULD YOU COME HERE FOR A SECOND?
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT LEAVING. I WAS TOLD TO TRACK YOU DOWN AND BRING YOU TO THE TEACHER'S OFFICE.

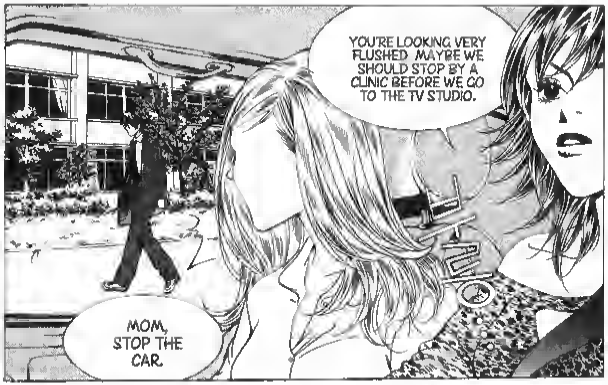
HEY, WHAT...?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! DON'T HUG ME!!
HMM. IT'S NOT THE SAME...
WHAT ARE YOU MUMBLING?!
Envious
Yearning

IT FEELS DIFFERENT WHEN I HUG JENNY.
DO YOU THINK I'M LETTING YOU RUN AWAY JUST BECAUSE YOU HUGGED ME?

MAYBE BECAUSE I DIDN'T KISS HER?
LEE, COME OVER HERE AGAIN...
Ha Rock is in denial! He doesn't want to admit that he's falling in love least of all with the one girl he doesn't get along with!

Or maybe he doesn't know that what he's feeling is love
Jenny's feeling the same way
DO YOU HAVE A FEVER?
WHY DID YOU STAND OUT IN THE RAIN? YOU MIGHT HAVE CAUGHT COLD.
I FEEL FINE, MOM.


YOU'RE LOOKING VERY FLUSHED. MAYBE WE SHOULD STOP BY A CLINIC BEFORE WE GO TO THE TV STUDIO.
MOM, STOP THE CAR.

HEY, EUMPA!!
ARE YOU GOING TO THE STUDIO?
YEAH.
GET IN. WE'LL GIVE YOU A RIDE.

ARE YOU SURE..?
OF COURSE. WE'RE GOING TO THE SAME PLACE. I'LL SIT IN BACK WITH YOU.
ARE YOU SICK? YOU LOOK SO PALE.

SO DO YOU. DID YOU GET CAUGHT IN THE RAIN?
I DIDN'T SEE YOU IN SCHOOL THIS AFTERNOON. I THOUGHT YOU HAD LEFT EARLY.
AHHH .. NO. I WAS... THERE, I WAS JUST...

JENNY, DID YOU SKIP CLASSES TO PLAY AROUND IN THE RAIN?
I DON'T PLAY AROUND. I'M NOT A KID.

EUMPA, YOUR GROUP IS DOING VERY WELL! DIDN'T YOU JUST ENTER THE TOP 10 RANKING LAST WEEK?
YES...
YOU'RE A VERY HANDSOME YOUNG MAN. I BET YOU'RE POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS.
IF I WERE YOUR AGE, I'D SURE GO AFTER YOU! I'M SURPRISED JENNY HASN'T ASKED YOU OUT.
He he he
MOM!!! COULD YOU PAY ATTENTION TO THE ROAD?!

EUMPA IS HANDSOME...
HE KIND OF RESEMBLES HIS MOM.
HE HAS LONG EYELASHES AND HIS EYES ARE SO ARTISTIC...
HIS LIPS, TOO...
HIS LIPS...
I'M AN IDIOT! WHY THE HELL DID I LET THAT MORON KISS ME? WHY DIDN'T I PUSH HIM AWAY? AND...
...WHY DID IT FEEL SO GOOD?
WHY AM I CRAVING FOR MORE?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, I'M SITTING NEXT TO EUMPA, BUT I'M THINKING ABOUT THAT MORON!
Because it was Jenny's first kiss. She's more innocent than she looks.

HAS EUMPA...
...EVER KISSED YOUNGJU?
THEY'RE DATING— THEY MUST HAVE.
SURELY?
THEY MUST HAVE.

I WONDER...
HIS LIPS LOOK SO SOFT...
...HOW THEY FEEL?

SECTION 52: JUST ONE MORE KISS/THE END

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